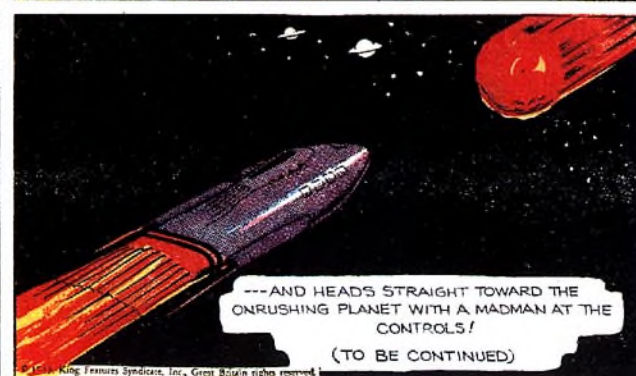
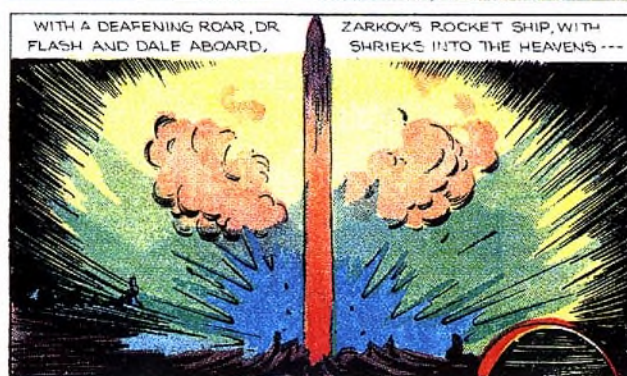
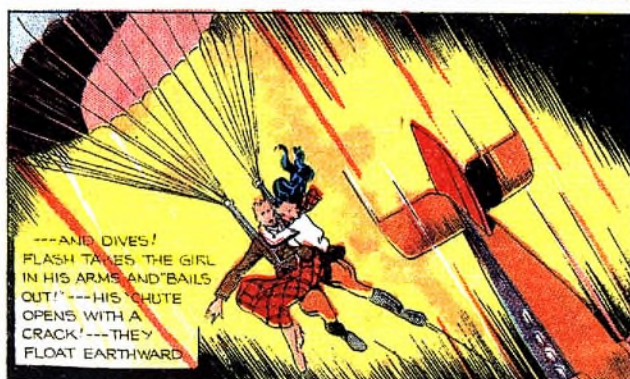
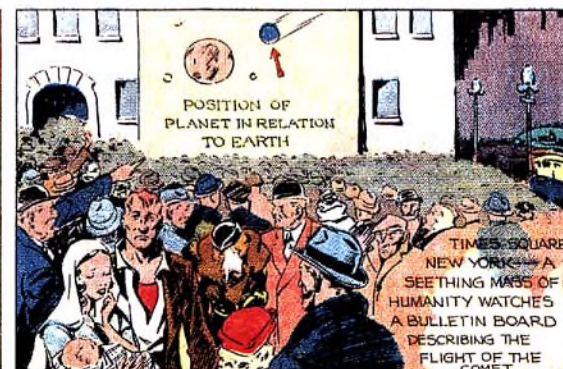
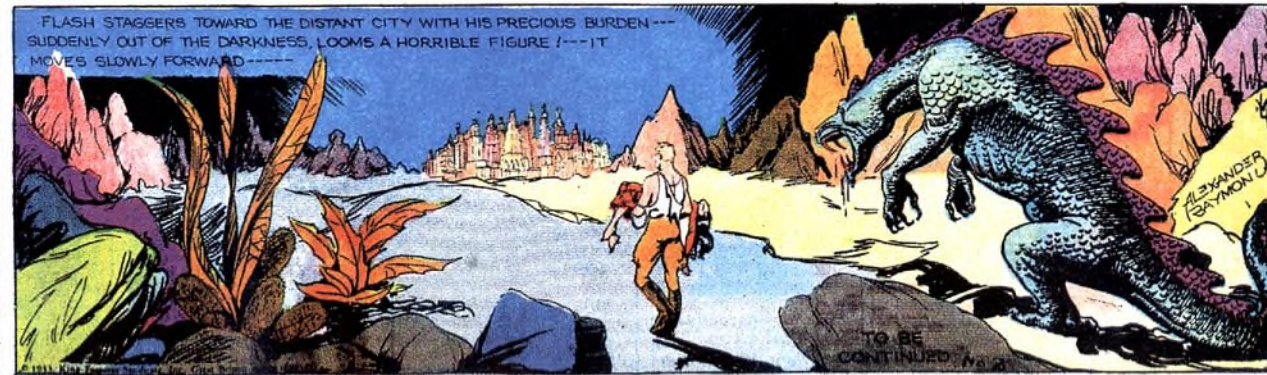
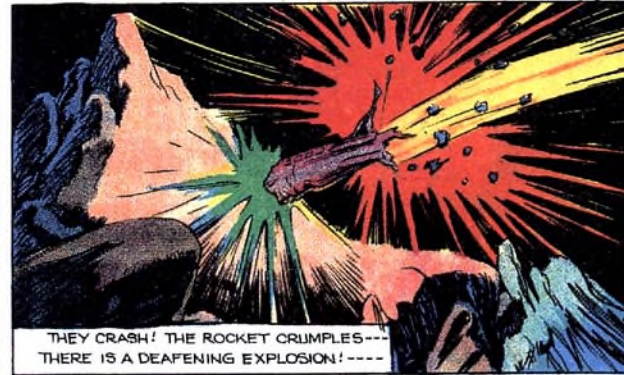
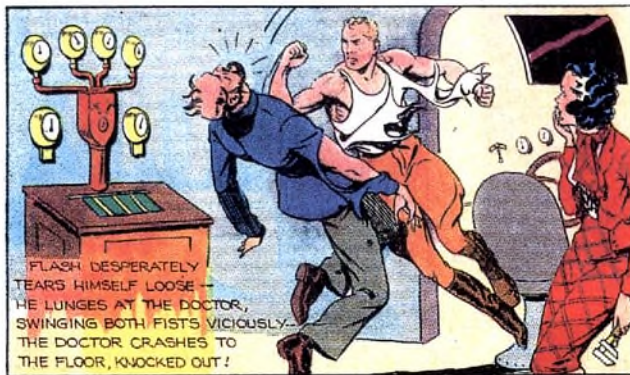
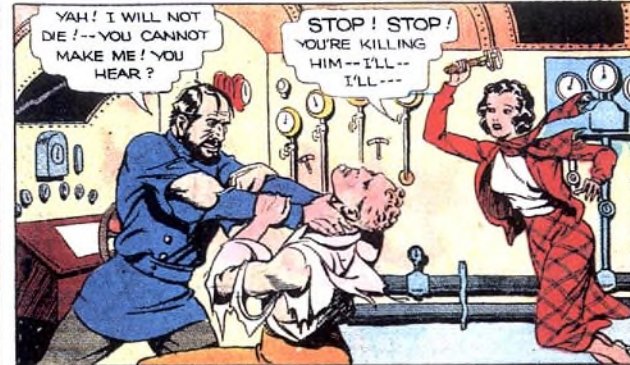
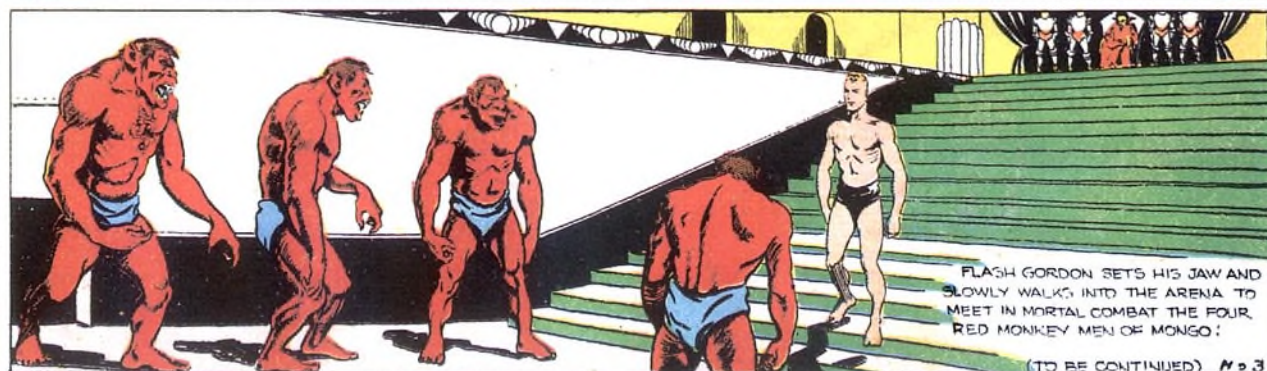
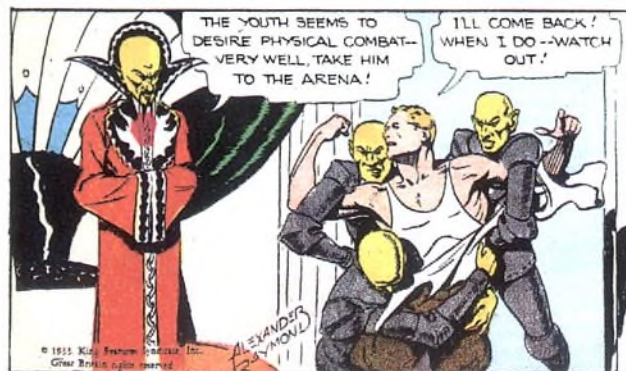
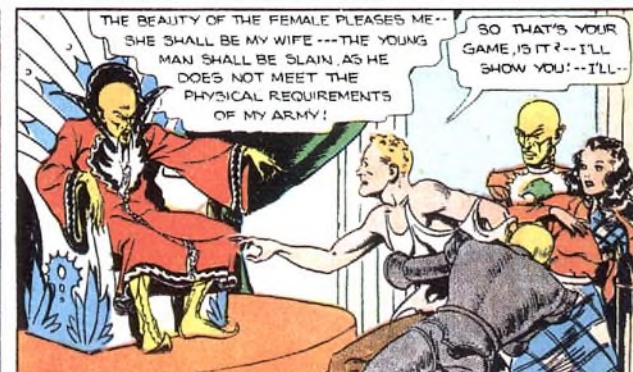
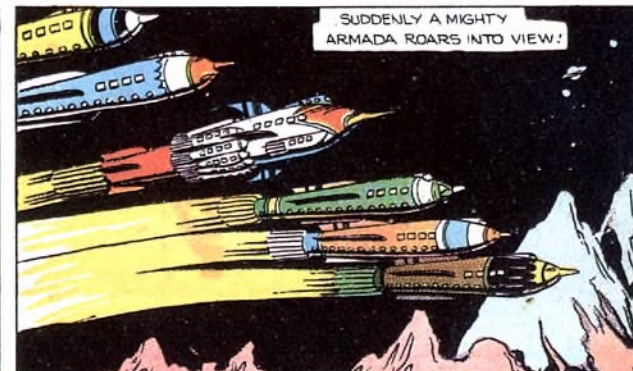
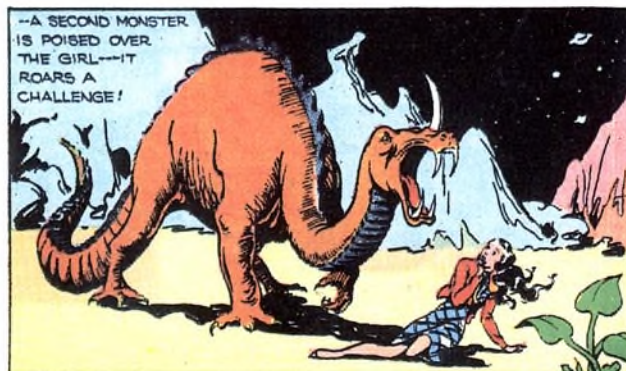
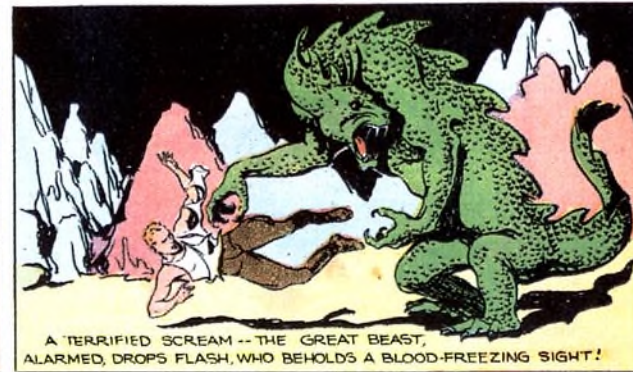
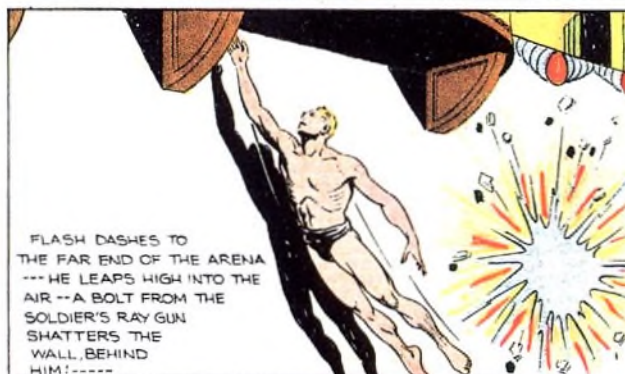
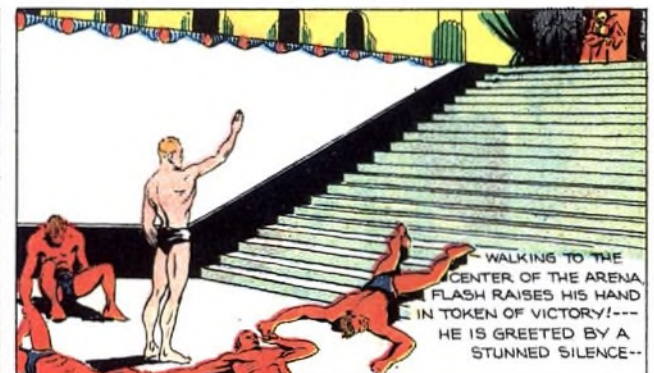
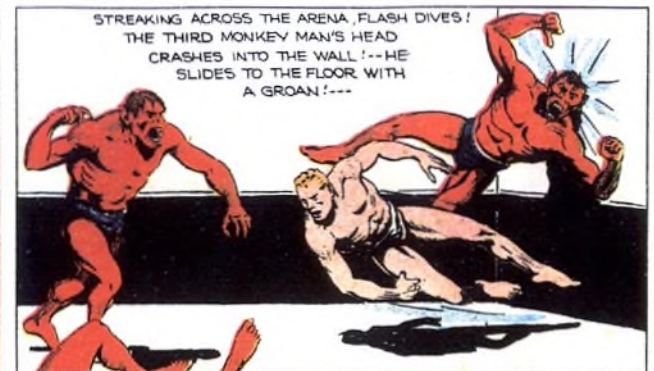
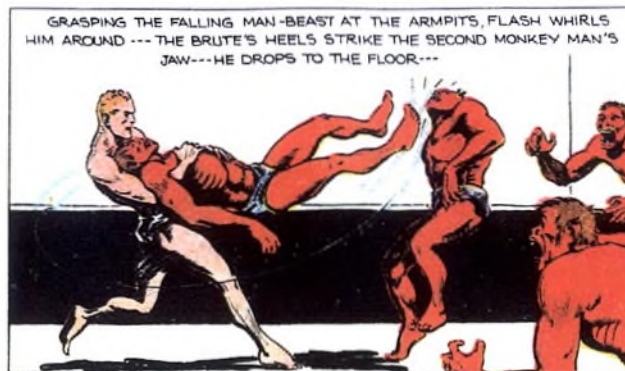


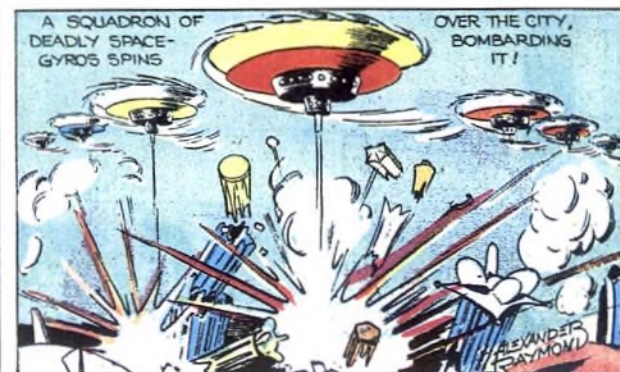
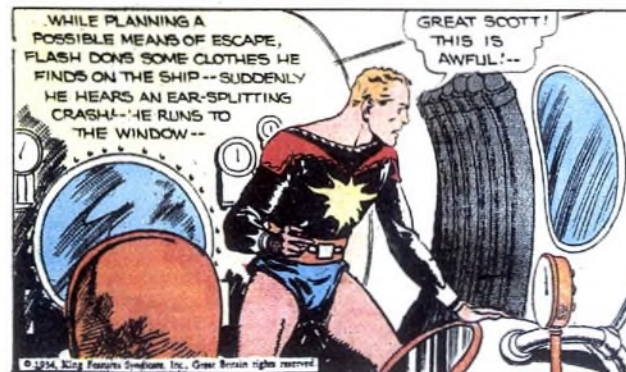
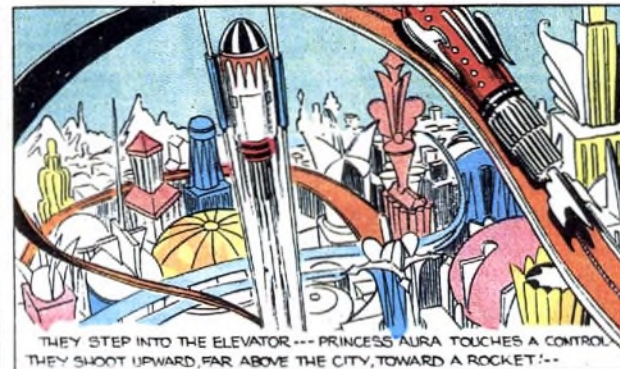
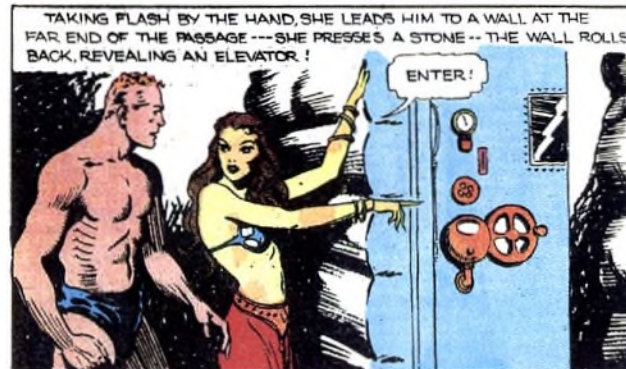
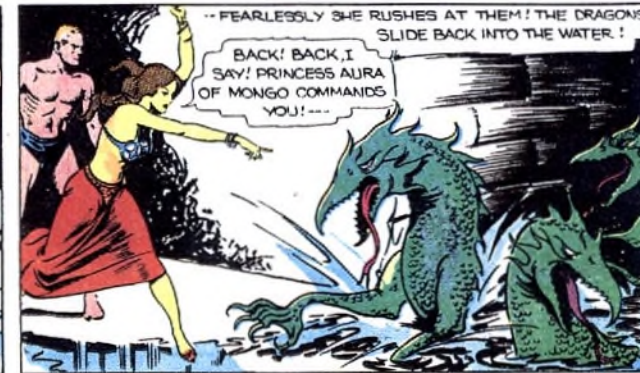
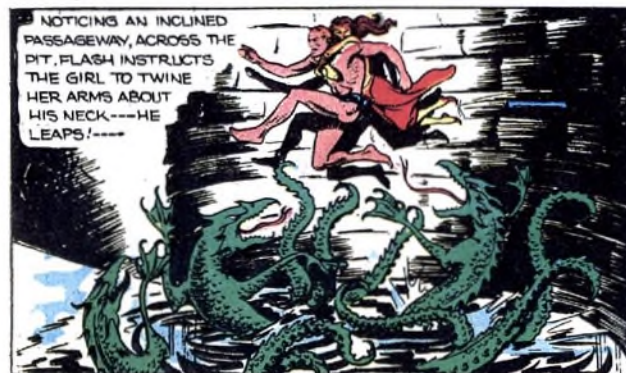
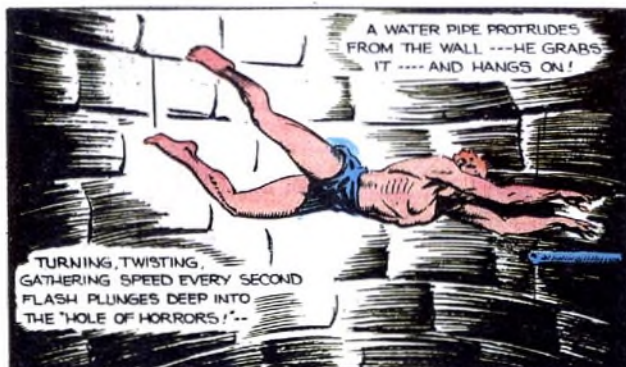
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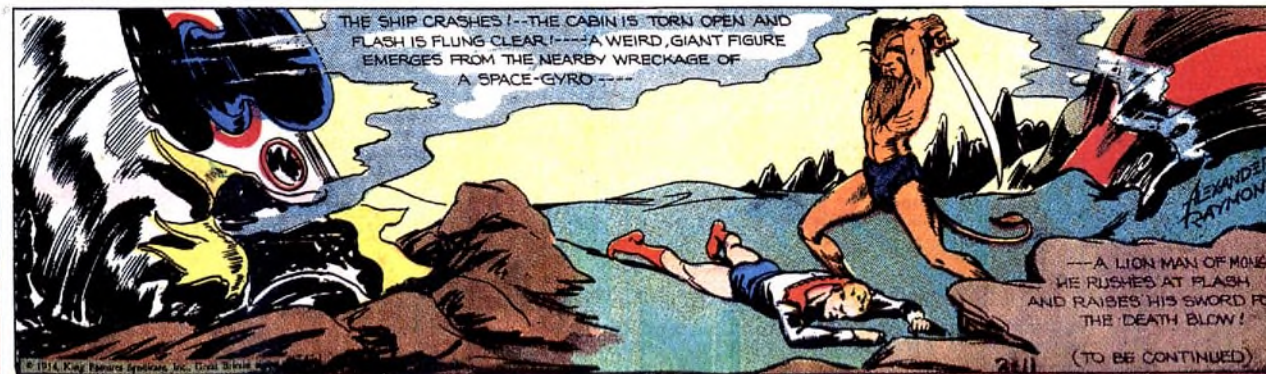
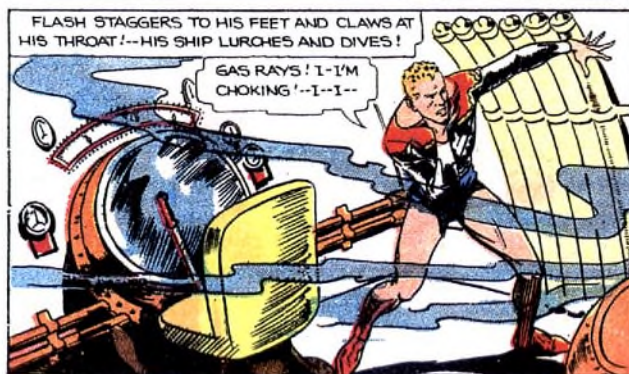
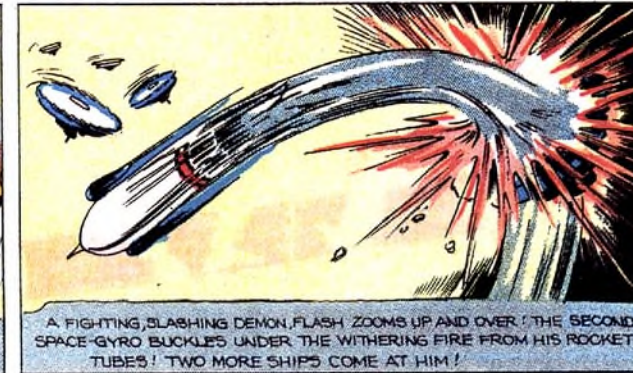
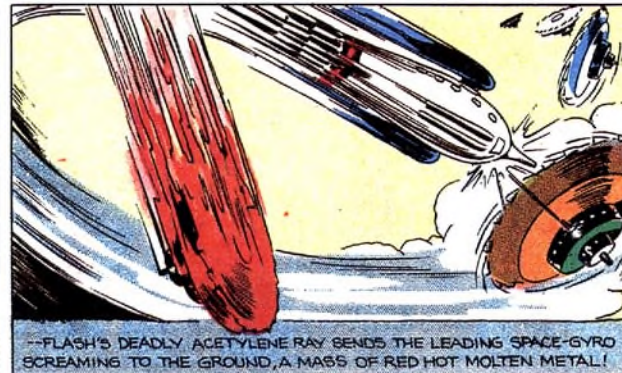
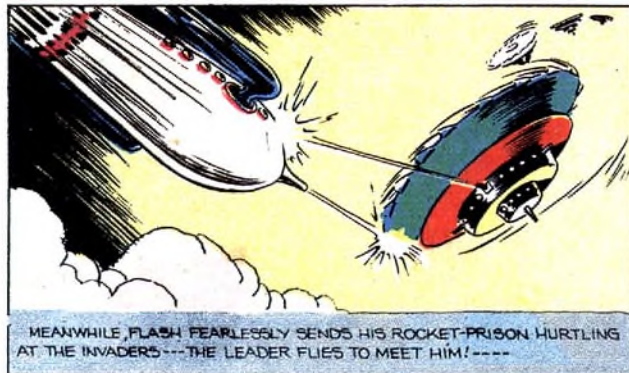
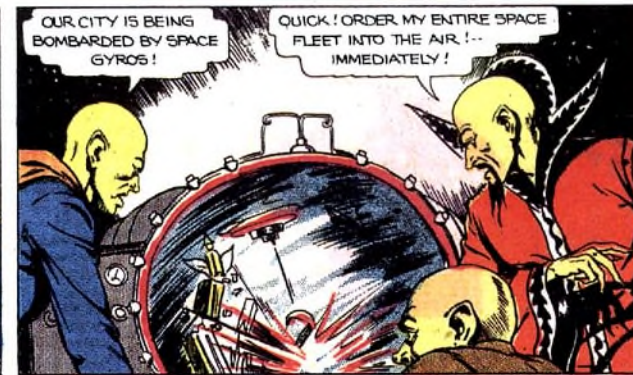
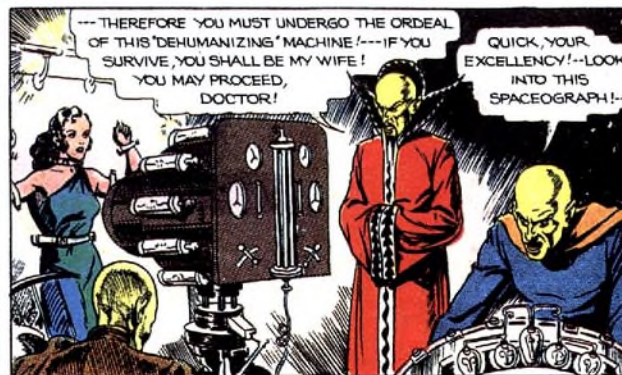
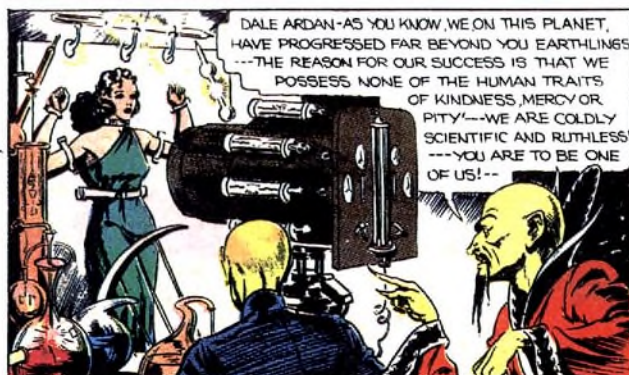


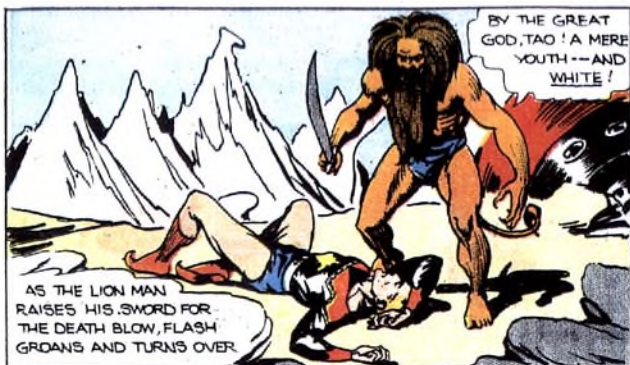






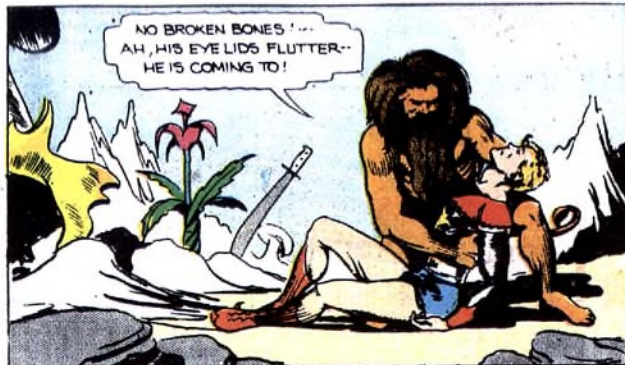






BY THE GREAT GOD, TAO! A MERE YOUTH---AND WHITE!

AS THE LION MAN RAISES HIS SWORD FOR THE DEATH BLOW, FLASH GROANS AND TURNS OVER.

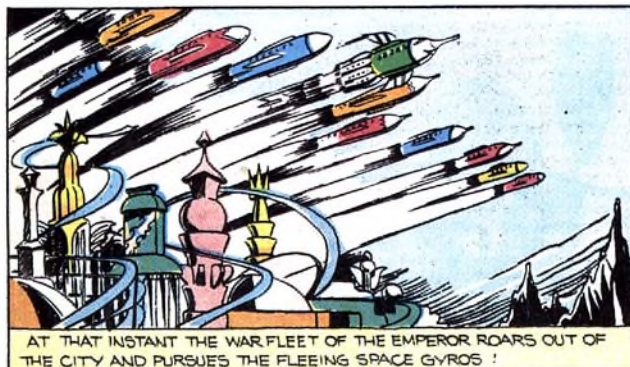


NO BROKEN BONES!--- AH, HIS EYE LIDS FLUTTER-- HE IS COMING TO!

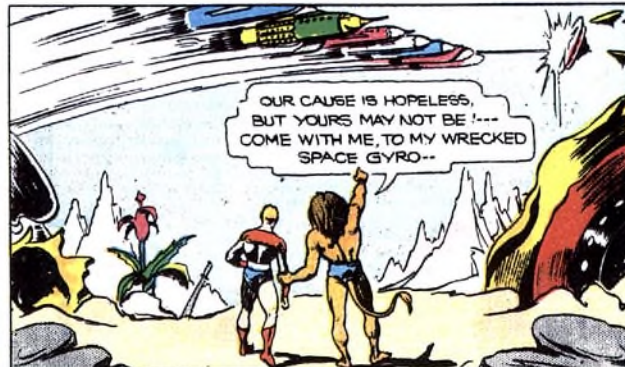


WHAT THOSE YELLOW MEN MY FRIENDS? THEY ARE MY ENEMIES! THEIR EMPEROR IS FORGING THE GIRL I LOVE TO BECOME HIS BRIDE!---HE HAS TRIED TO KILL ME! I ATTACKED YOU TO SAVE MY GIRL--IF ONE OF YOUR RAYS HAD STRUCK THE PALACE SHE'D HAVE BEEN KILLED!

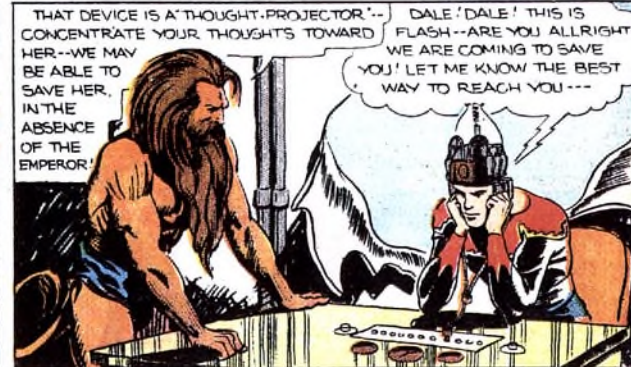
THEN I, PRINCE THUN OF THE LION MEN, AM YOUR FRIEND!



AT THAT INSTANT THE WAR FLEET OF THE EMPEROR ROARS OUT OF THE CITY AND PURSUES THE FLEEING SPACE GYROS!



OUR CAUSE IS HOPELESS, BUT YOURS MAY NOT BE!--- COME WITH ME, TO MY WRECKED SPACE GYRO--

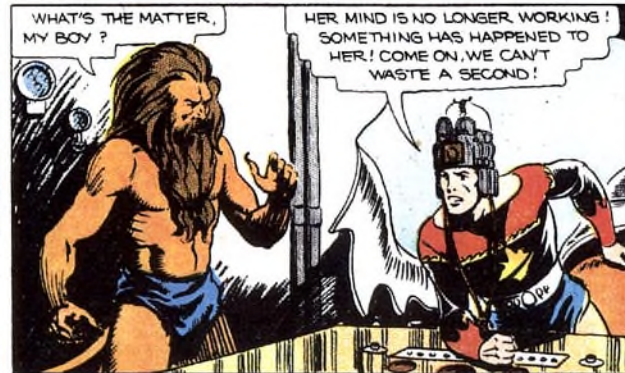


THAT DEVICE IS A THOUGHT-PROJECTOR-- CONCENTRATE YOUR THOUGHTS TOWARD HER--WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE HER, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EMPEROR!

FLASH--ARE YOU ALLRIGHT? WE ARE COMING TO SAVE YOU! LET ME KNOW THE BEST WAY TO REACH YOU---



OH, FLASH, CAN IT REALLY BE YOU? I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!--- DON'T TRY TO SAVE ME! IT IS HOPELESS EVERY GATE IS GUARDED! THE TUNNEL, SOUTH OF THE CITY IS IMPASSABLE! DON'T TRY, I BEG YOU!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, MY BOY?

HER MIND IS NO LONGER WORKING! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO HER! COME ON, WE CAN'T WASTE A SECOND!

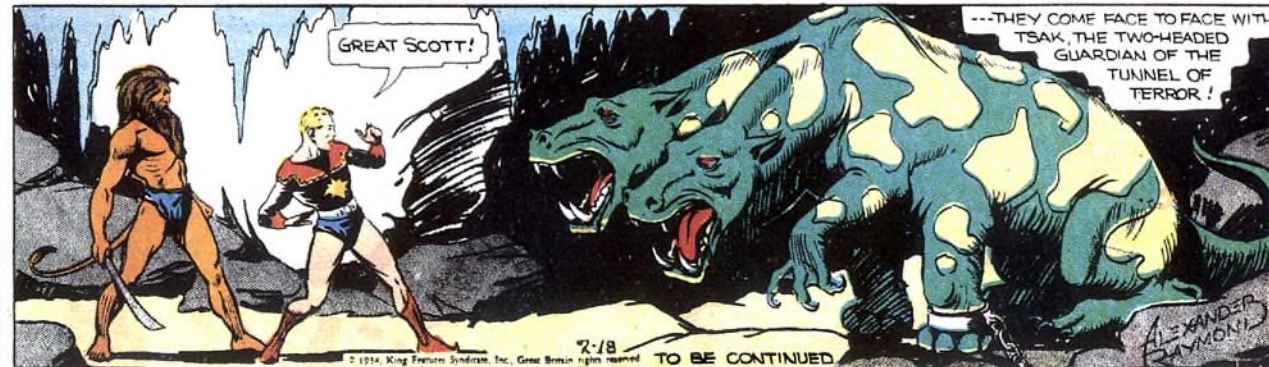


AFTER A LONG RUN, THEY COME TO A TUNNEL, FLANKED BY TWO GOLDEN DRAGONS

THIS MUST BE IT--ARE YOU GAME TO GO IN WITH ME?



THEY ENTER THE CAVE! THEY RESOLUTELY PRESS ONWARD, EVERY MUSCLE QUIVERING AND ALERT--- TURNING A CORNER---



GREAT SCOTT!

---THEY COME FACE TO FACE WITH TSAK, THE TWO-HEADED GUARDIAN OF THE TUNNEL OF TERROR!



AS TSAK, THE TWO-HEADED MONSTER ADVANCES TOWARD FLASH AND HIS FRIEND, FLASH SLIPS AND FALLS! PRINCE THUN OF THE LIONMEN LEAPS TO HIS RESCUE!



SNATCHING THE LION MAN OUT OF THE AIR, THE BEAST DASHES HIM AGAINST THE WALL!--

PICKING UP THUN'S SWORD FLASH RUSHES AT TSAK!--



AVOIDING THE YAWNING MOUTHS AND CLUTCHING TALONS, FLASH DIVES UNDER THE BEAST AND THRUSTS WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH!



BELLOWING IN PAIN, TSAK SEIZES FLASH!-- THE HEINOUS HEADS COME CLOSER AND CLOSER-- FLASH STRIKES AGAIN AND AGAIN!



SUDDENLY TSAK COLLAPSES AND SINKS TO THE GROUND!

BOY, THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE!-- I'M SHAKING LIKE A LEAF!

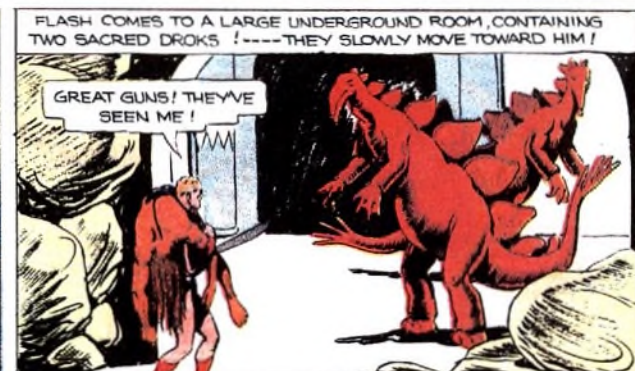


I'VE GOT TO WATCH MY STEP--ONE SLIP AND THOSE WATER DRAGONS WILL TEAR US TO SHREDS!

PICKING UP HIS UNCONSCIOUS FRIEND FLASH CONTINUES ONWARD THRU THE TUNNEL OF TERROR.

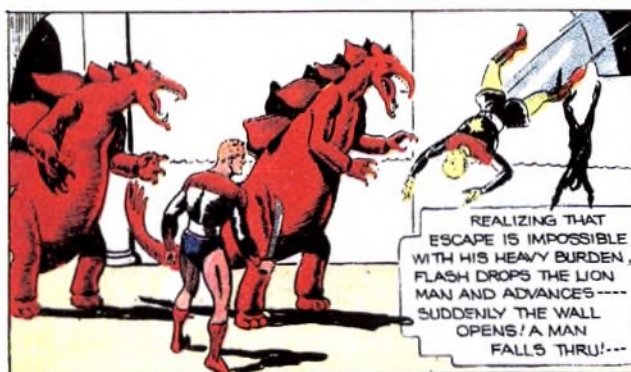


GOSH! THESE WHIRLPOOLS ARE TERRIBLE, BUT I'M GOING TO GET DALE AWAY FROM THAT CITY IF IT'S THE LAST THING I EVER DO!-- HELLO! A LIGHT!

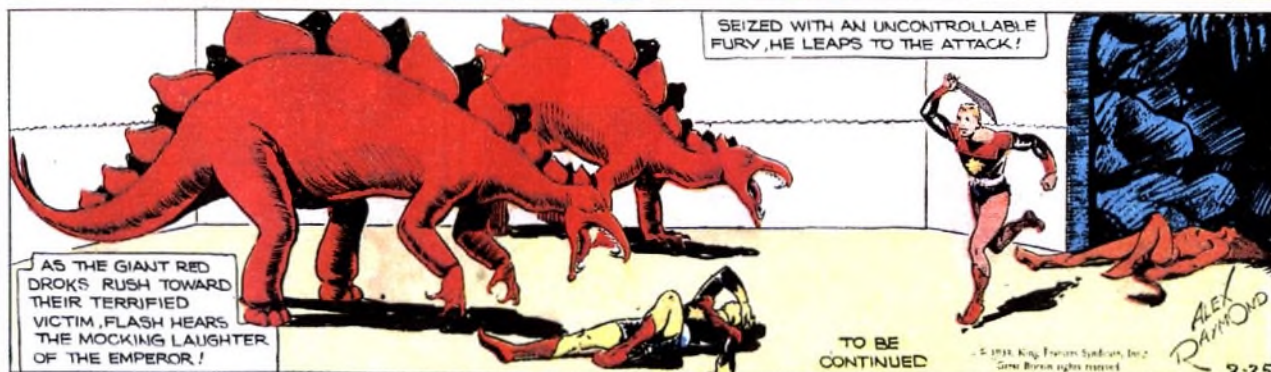


FLASH COMES TO A LARGE UNDERGROUND ROOM, CONTAINING TWO SACRED DROKS!-- THEY SLOWLY MOVE TOWARD HIM!

GREAT GUNS! THEY'VE SEEN ME!



REALIZING THAT ESCAPE IS IMPOSSIBLE, WITH HIS HEAVY BURDEN, FLASH DROPS THE LION MAN AND ADVANCES-- SUDDENLY THE WALL OPENS! A MAN FALLS THRU!--



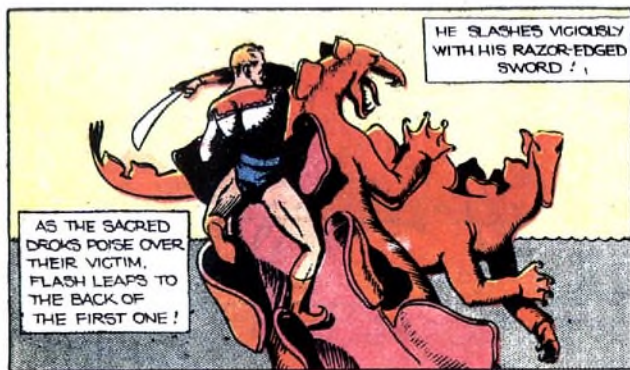
SEIZED WITH AN UNCONTROLLABLE FURY, HE LEAPS TO THE ATTACK!

AS THE GIANT RED DROKS RUSH TOWARD THEIR TERRIFIED VICTIM, FLASH HEARS THE MOCKING LAUGHTER OF THE EMPEROR!

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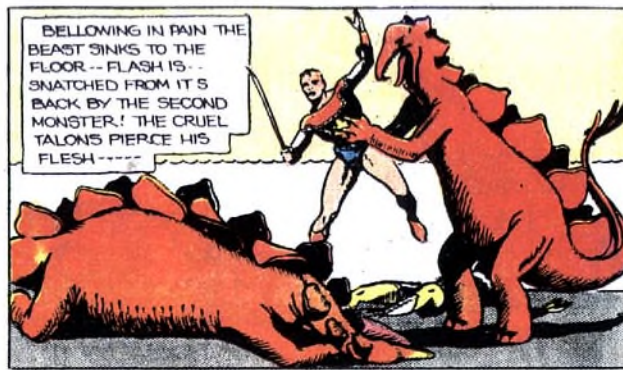
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HE SLASHES VIGOROUSLY
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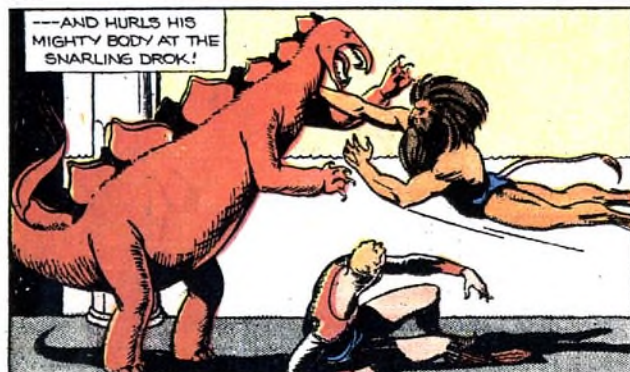
AS THE SACRED
DROKS POISE OVER
THEIR VICTIM,
FLASH LEAPS TO
THE BACK OF
THE FIRST ONE!



BELLOWING IN PAIN THE
BEAST SINKS TO THE
FLOOR--FLASH IS--
SNATCHED FROM ITS
BACK BY THE SECOND
MONSTER! THE CRUEL
TALONS PIERCE HIS
FLESH



AT THIS INSTANT THUN,
THE GIANT LION MAN,
RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS--
HE SPRINGS TO HIS
FEET-----



---AND HURLS HIS
MIGHTY BODY AT THE
SNARLING DROK!



THE FEROCITY OF THE ATTACK
THROWS THE BEAST OFF ITS
BALANCE! THE LION MAN'S
STEEL-SINUED HANDS
TIGHTEN ABOUT THE HUGE
MONSTER'S THROAT--
IN A FEW SECONDS
IT IS ALL OVER--

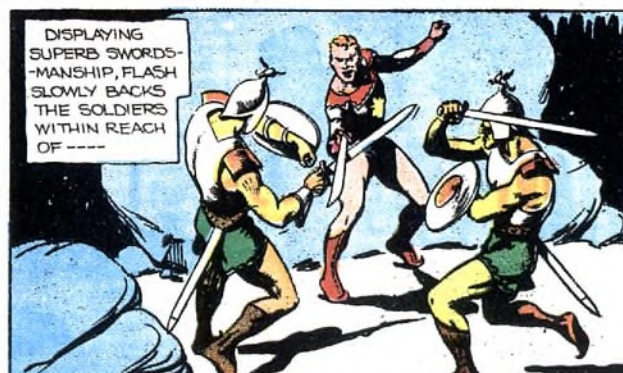


POOR FELLOW!
ANOTHER VICTIM OF
THE EMPEROR'S
CRUELTY!

HE'S OKAY,
THUN---HE FAINTED
FROM FRIGHT--COME
ON--WE CAN'T WASTE
ANYMORE TIME,
IF WE'RE GOING
TO RESCUE
DALE!



FLASH AND THUN
RESUME THEIR MAD
DASH THRU THE TUNNEL--
SUDDENLY TWO YELLING
FIGURES RUSH AT
THEM!--



DISPLAYING
SUPERB SWORDS-
MANSHIP, FLASH
SLOWLY BACKS
THE SOLDIERS
WITHIN REACH
OF ----



---THUN'S CRUSHING HANDS!
---THE SOLDIERS SINK TO THE
GROUND--UNCONSCIOUS!



A DOOR!

YES, AND IT'S BEEN LEFT OPEN!
COME ON, LET'S GO THRU!--
IT MAY LEAD US INTO
THE EMPEROR'S
PALACE!

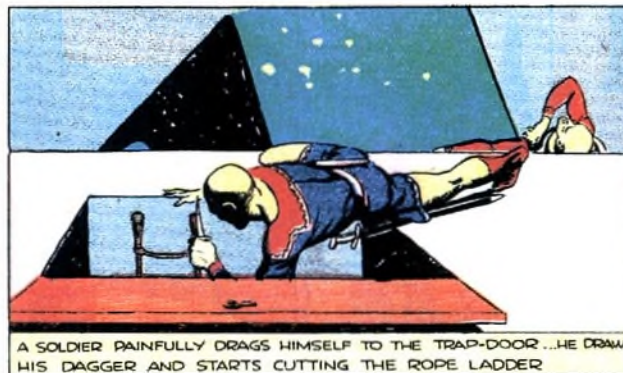
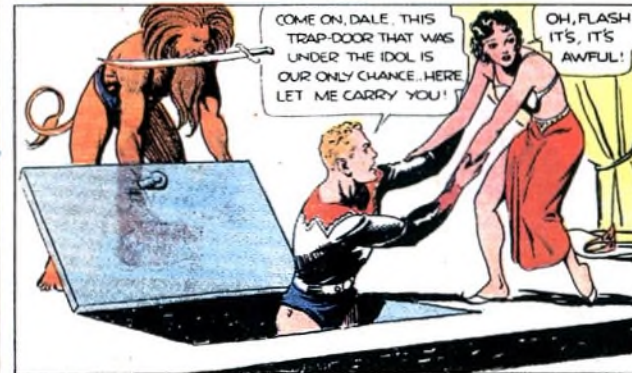


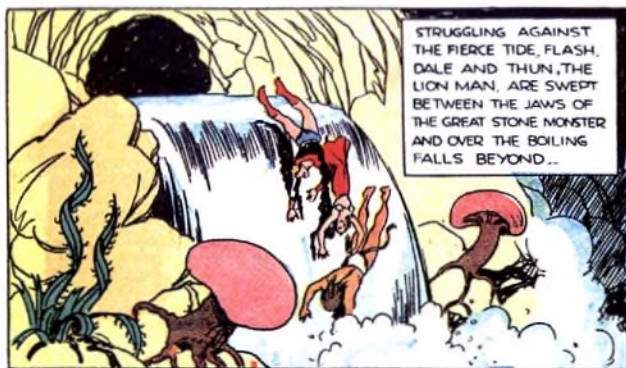
STEPPING THRU THE DOOR
THEY FIND THEMSELVES
BEHIND A HUGE IDOL--
FLASH PEERS AROUND IT--

TO BE
CONTINUED

--HIS HEART SINKS AS
HE BEHOLDS A WEDDING
PROCESSION, LED BY
DALE AND MING, THE
MERCILESS EMPEROR
OF MONGO!

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STRUGGLING AGAINST THE FIERCE TIDE, FLASH, DALE AND THUN, THE LION MAN, ARE SWEEPED BETWEEN THE JAWS OF THE GREAT STONE MONSTER AND OVER THE BOILING FALLS BEYOND...



GEE, FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL DOOMED ---- IS THUN HURT BADLY?

NO, JUST A CRACK ON THE HEAD... HE'LL COME TO IN A FEW SECONDS HERE, GIVE ME YOUR HAND!



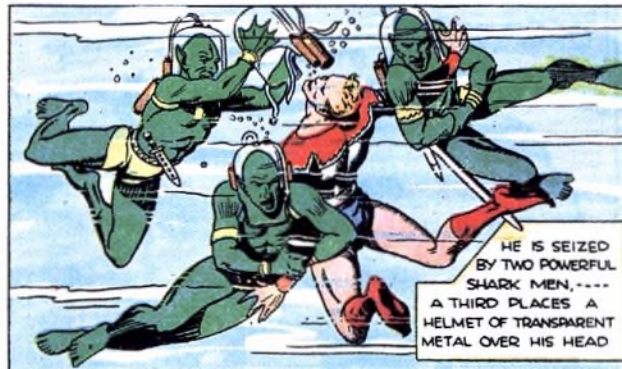
DALE REACHES FOR FLASH'S OUTSTRETCHED ARMS... SUDDENLY TWO CLUTCHING GREEN HANDS RISE FROM THE WATER...

FLASH! HELP... HELP!

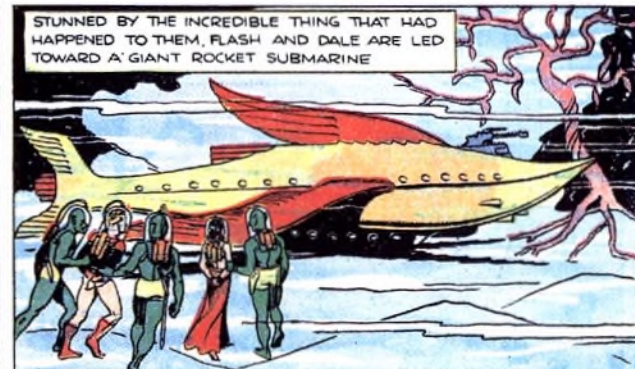
DALE! WHAT THE...



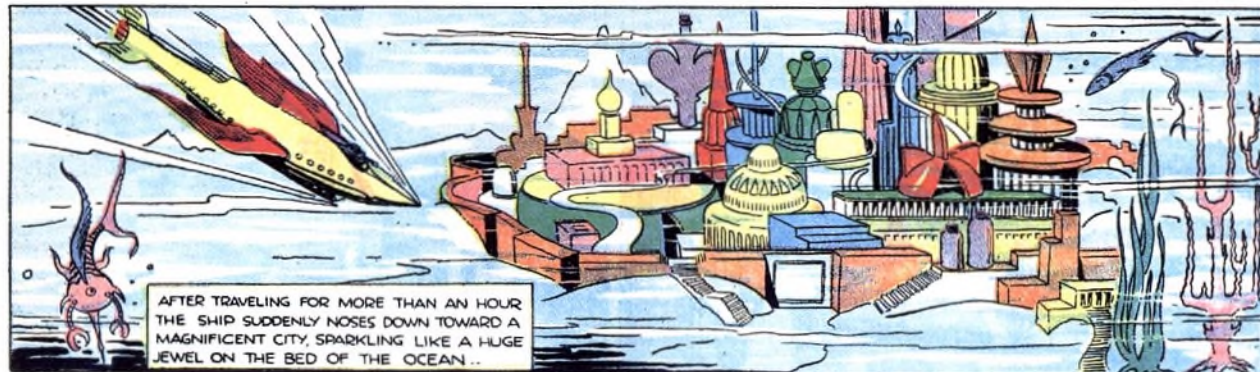
WITH A FINAL SCREAM OF TERROR, DALE'S HEAD DISAPPEARS BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE RIVER... FLASH DIVES!.....



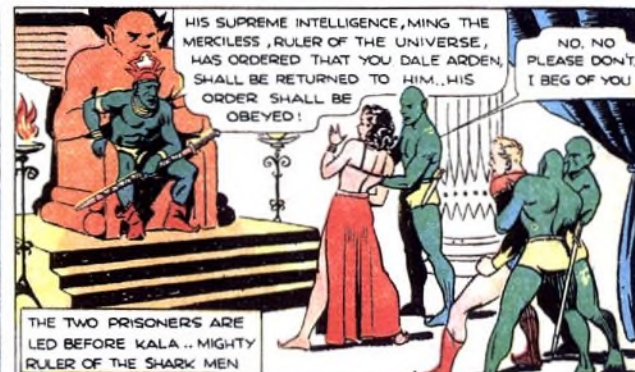
HE IS SEIZED BY TWO POWERFUL SHARK MEN, ---- A THIRD PLACES A HELMET OF TRANSPARENT METAL OVER HIS HEAD



STUNNED BY THE INCREDIBLE THING THAT HAD HAPPENED TO THEM, FLASH AND DALE ARE LED TOWARD A GIANT ROCKET SUBMARINE



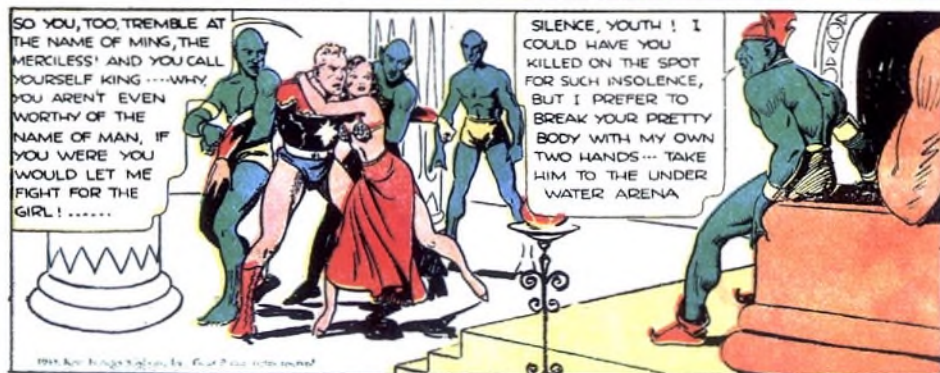
AFTER TRAVELING FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR THE SHIP SUDDENLY NOSES DOWN TOWARD A MAGNIFICENT CITY, SPARKLING LIKE A HUGE JEWEL ON THE BED OF THE OCEAN...



HIS SUPREME INTELLIGENCE, MING THE MERCILESS, RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, HAS ORDERED THAT YOU DALE ARDEN, SHALL BE RETURNED TO HIM... HIS ORDER SHALL BE OBEYED!

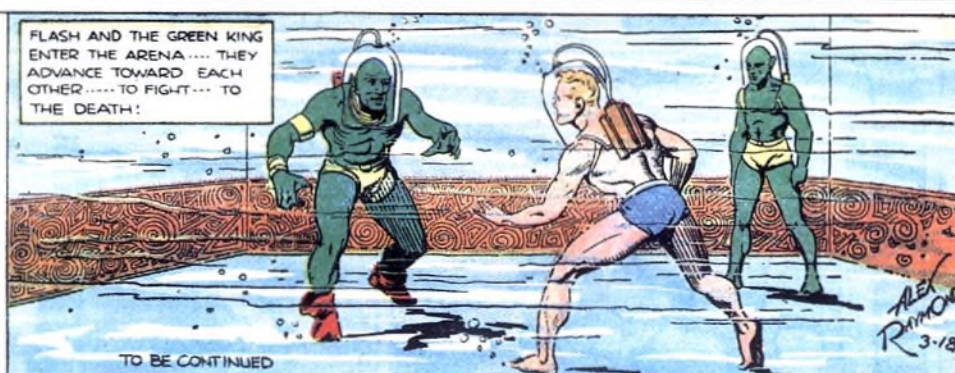
NO, NO PLEASE DON'T, I BEG OF YOU

THE TWO PRISONERS ARE LED BEFORE KALA.. MIGHTY RULER OF THE SHARK MEN



SO YOU, TOO, TREMBLE AT THE NAME OF MING, THE MERCILESS! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF KING... WHY, YOU AREN'T EVEN WORTHY OF THE NAME OF MAN, IF YOU WERE YOU WOULD LET ME FIGHT FOR THE GIRL!.....

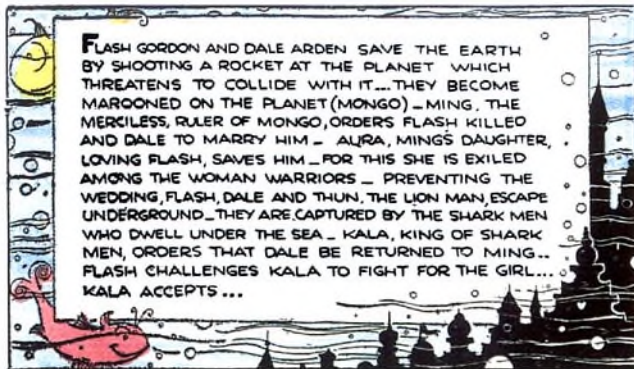
SILENCE, YOUTH! I COULD HAVE YOU KILLED ON THE SPOT FOR SUCH INSOLENCE, BUT I PREFER TO BREAK YOUR PRETTY BODY WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS... TAKE HIM TO THE UNDER WATER ARENA



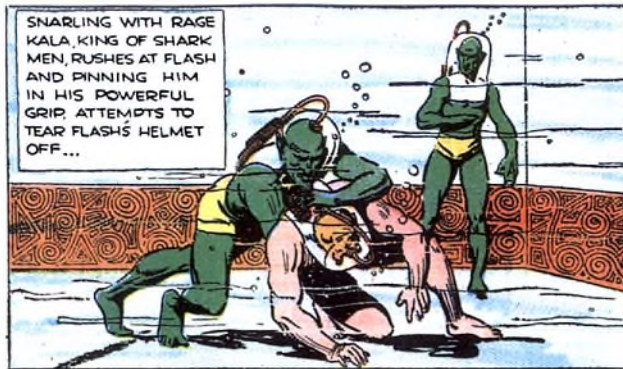
FLASH AND THE GREEN KING ENTER THE ARENA... THEY ADVANCE TOWARD EACH OTHER... TO FIGHT... TO THE DEATH!

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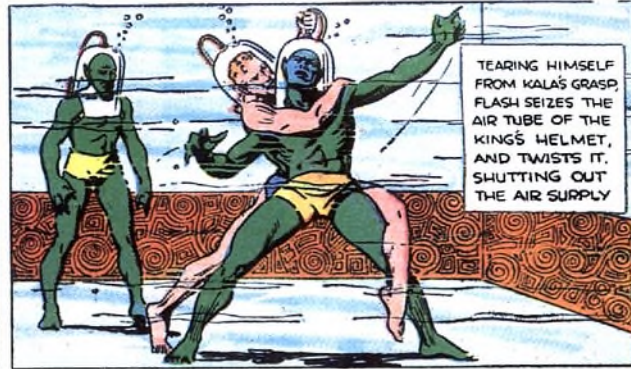
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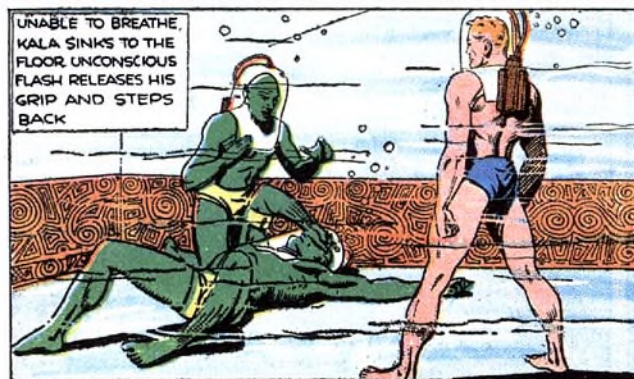
FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN SAVE THE EARTH BY SHOOTING A ROCKET AT THE PLANET WHICH THREATENS TO COLLIDE WITH IT... THEY BECOME MAROONED ON THE PLANET (MONGO) - MING, THE MERCILESS, RULER OF MONGO, ORDERS FLASH KILLED AND DALE TO MARRY HIM - AURA, MING'S DAUGHTER, LOVING FLASH, SAVES HIM - FOR THIS SHE IS EXILED AMONG THE WOMAN WARRIORS - PREVENTING THE WEDDING, FLASH, DALE AND THUN, THE LION MAN, ESCAPE UNDERGROUND... THEY ARE CAPTURED BY THE SHARK MEN WHO DWELL UNDER THE SEA - KALA, KING OF SHARK MEN, ORDERS THAT DALE BE RETURNED TO MING... FLASH CHALLENGES KALA TO FIGHT FOR THE GIRL... KALA ACCEPTS...



SNARLING WITH RAGE KALA, KING OF SHARK MEN, RUSHES AT FLASH AND PINNING HIM IN HIS POWERFUL GRIP ATTEMPTS TO TEAR FLASH'S HELMET OFF...



TEARING HIMSELF FROM KALA'S GRASP, FLASH SEIZES THE AIR TUBE OF THE KING'S HELMET, AND TWISTS IT, SHUTTING OUT THE AIR SUPPLY

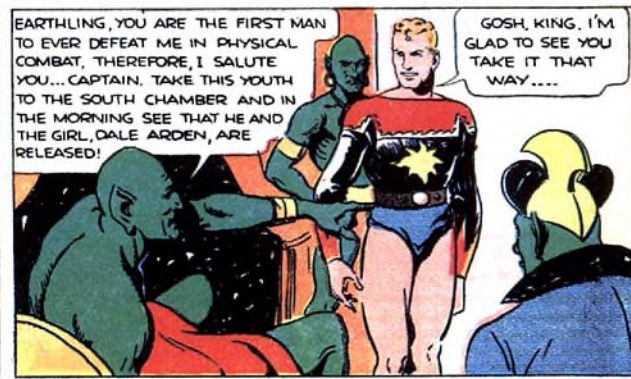


UNABLE TO BREATHE, KALA SINKS TO THE FLOOR UNCONSCIOUS. FLASH RELEASES HIS GRIP AND STEPS BACK



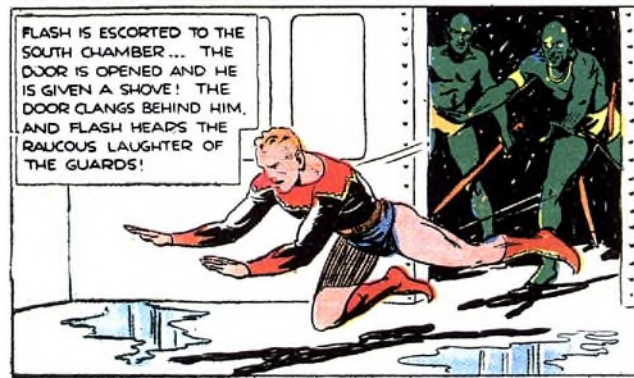
CARRIED TO HIS CHAMBERS, THE KING IS REVIVED BY HIS DOCTORS!

WHERE IS HE? BRING THE YOUTH TO ME AT ONCE!

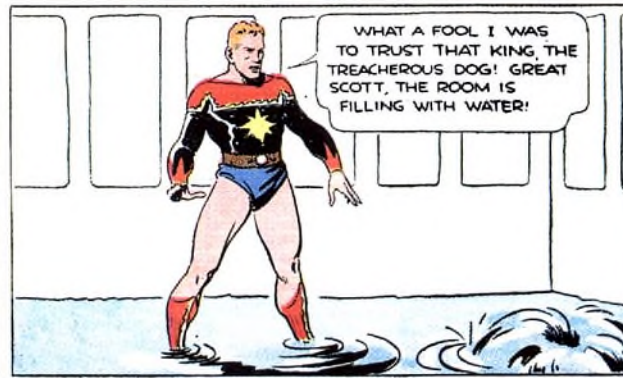


EARTHLING, YOU ARE THE FIRST MAN TO EVER DEFEAT ME IN PHYSICAL COMBAT, THEREFORE, I SALUTE YOU... CAPTAIN, TAKE THIS YOUTH TO THE SOUTH CHAMBER AND IN THE MORNING SEE THAT HE AND THE GIRL, DALE ARDEN, ARE RELEASED!

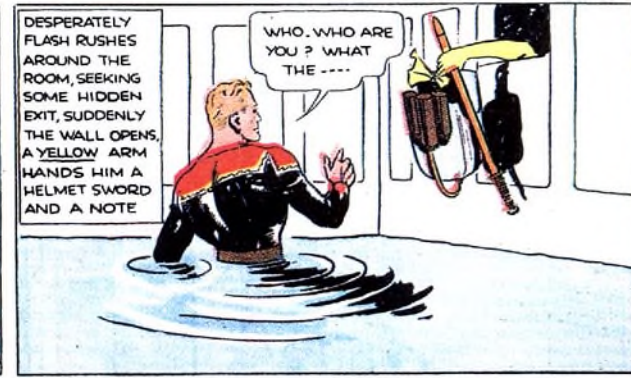
GOSH, KING, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU TAKE IT THAT WAY....



FLASH IS ESCORTED TO THE SOUTH CHAMBER... THE DOOR IS OPENED AND HE IS GIVEN A SHOVE! THE DOOR CLANGS BEHIND HIM, AND FLASH HEADS THE RAUCOUS LAUGHTER OF THE GUARDS!

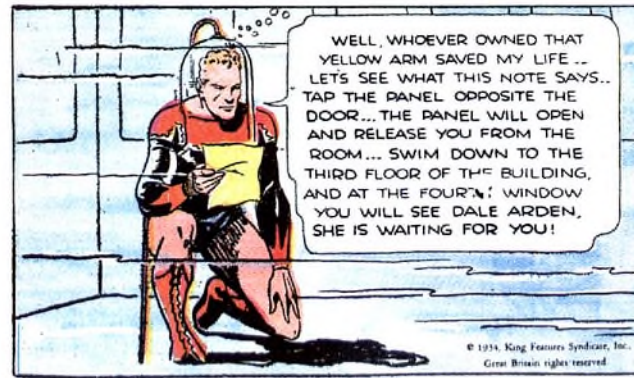


WHAT A FOOL I WAS TO TRUST THAT KING, THE TREACHEROUS DOG! GREAT SCOTT, THE ROOM IS FILLING WITH WATER!

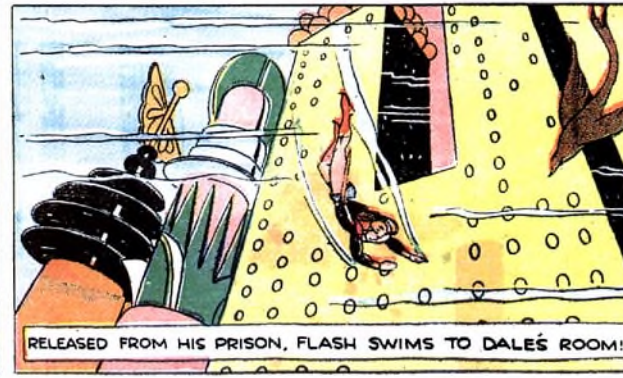


DESPERATELY FLASH RUSHES AROUND THE ROOM, SEEKING SOME HIDDEN EXIT, SUDDENLY THE WALL OPENS, A YELLOW ARM HANDS HIM A HELMET SWORD AND A NOTE

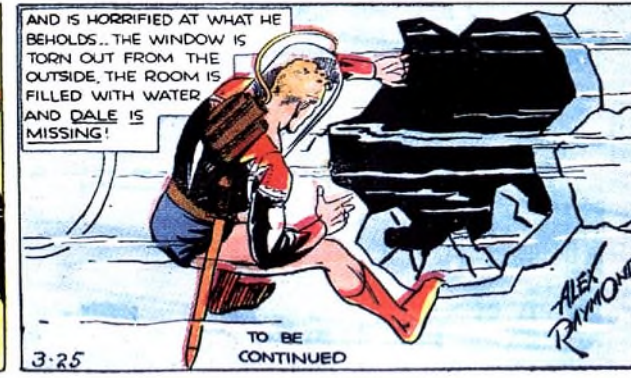
WHO, WHO ARE YOU? WHAT THE ----



WELL, WHOEVER OWNED THAT YELLOW ARM SAVED MY LIFE... LETS SEE WHAT THIS NOTE SAYS... TAP THE PANEL OPPOSITE THE DOOR... THE PANEL WILL OPEN AND RELEASE YOU FROM THE ROOM... SWIM DOWN TO THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE BUILDING, AND AT THE FOURTH WINDOW YOU WILL SEE DALE ARDEN, SHE IS WAITING FOR YOU!



RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON, FLASH SWIMS TO DALE'S ROOM!



AND IS HORRIFIED AT WHAT HE BEHOLDS... THE WINDOW IS TORN OUT FROM THE OUTSIDE, THE ROOM IS FILLED WITH WATER AND DALE IS MISSING!

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MAROONED ON THE PLANET MONGO AFTER THEY HAD DEFLECTED IT WITH THEIR ROCKET SHIP FROM ITS COURSE TOWARD THE EARTH, FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN FALL INTO THE CLUTCHES OF MING, THE MERCILESS, RULER OF MONGO.... MING'S ATTEMPT TO FORCE DALE TO MARRY HIM IS FRUSTRATED BY FLASH AND PRINCE THUN OF LION MEN... FLASH AND DALE ARE CAPTURED BY SHARK MEN AND BROUGHT TO THEIR UNDERSEA CITY... THUN IS LEFT UNCONSCIOUS ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER... KALA KING OF SHARK MEN, ORDERS DALE RETURNED TO MING... FLASH IS THROWN INTO A TORTURE CHAMBER... THE WALL OPENS, A YELLOW HAND GIVES FLASH A DIVING-HELMET AND DIRECTIONS TO DALE'S ROOM... ON ARRIVING AT THE ROOM FLASH FINDS THE WINDOW TORN OUT AND DALE MISSING!

LET'S RETURN TO THUN, THE LION MAN...

A SHARK MAN THEY PROBABLY LEFT HIM TO GUARD ME WHILE THEY TOOK FLASH AND DALE TO THEIR UNDERSEA CITY...

TELL ME WHAT YOU AND YOUR CUT-THROAT COMPANIONS DID WITH FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN OR I'LL SNAP YOUR NECK LIKE IT WAS A DRY TWIG!

I... I'LL TELL... THEY WERE TAKEN TO OUR CITY... DALE ARDEN IS TO BE RETURNED TO OUR RULER, MING, THE MERCILESS... FLASH GORDON IS TO BE KILLED... THEY ARE COMING BACK FOR YOU... LET ME GO...

WELL, I GOT THAT FELLOW'S HELMET AND KNIFE. NOW IF I CAN ONLY GET TO THE CITY IN TIME... WHAT'S THAT IN THE DISTANCE?... LOOKS LIKE A SEA-MONSTER!

A HYDROCYCLE... THEY'RE COMING TO TAKE ME TO THEIR CITY... I HAVE AN IDEA!

THEY'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN THEY FIND I'M NOT THERE, AND THEY'LL BE MORE SURPRISED WHEN THEY COME BACK AND FIND THEIR SHIP GONE

THE HYDROCYCLE SKIDS TO A STOP ON THE SLIMY SEA BOTTOM... THREE SHARK MEN EMERGE AND SWIM TO THE SURFACE...

CUTTING THROUGH THE WATER AT A SPEED OF 300 MILES PER HOUR THE SHIP WITH THE LION MAN AT THE CONTROLS, ROARS BACK TOWARD THE CITY BENEATH THE SEA

ARRIVING AT THE CITY THUN TAKES A HELMET AND WAR CLUB FROM THE SHIP AND STARTS SEARCHING FOR AN ENTRANCE... SUDDENLY HE SEES A FAMILIAR FACE PEERING FROM A WINDOW

IT IS DALE! REALIZING THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK THE TRANSPARENT STEEL WINDOW, THE LION MAN BATTERS THE WALL IN WITH HIS HUGE WAR CLUB

HERE THEY COME! IN A MINUTE THE WHOLE CITY WILL BE AROUSED... I HOPE THE MOTORS START RIGHT AWAY!

THE MOTORS START WITH A ROAR... THUN WHIPS THE SMALL HYDROCYCLE ABOUT AND HEADS STRAIGHT INTO THE SHARK MEN, BOWLING THEM OVER LIKE TENPINS

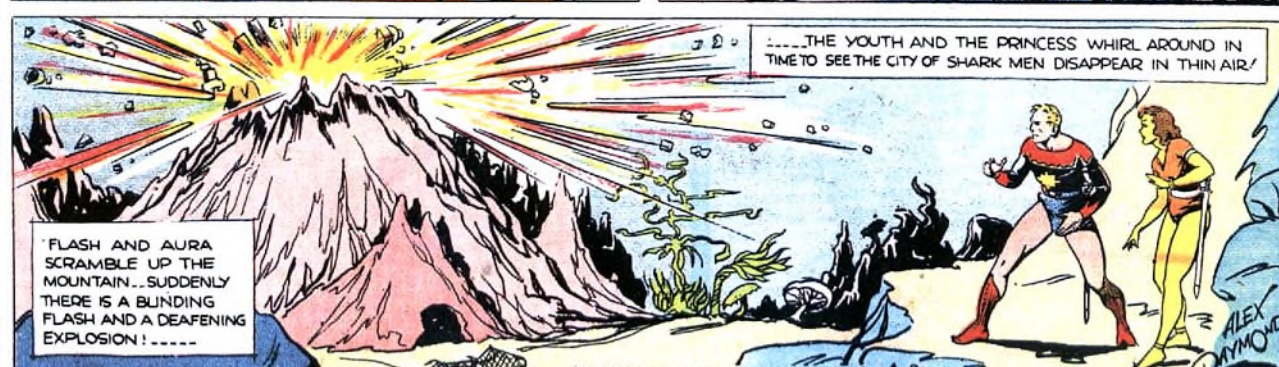
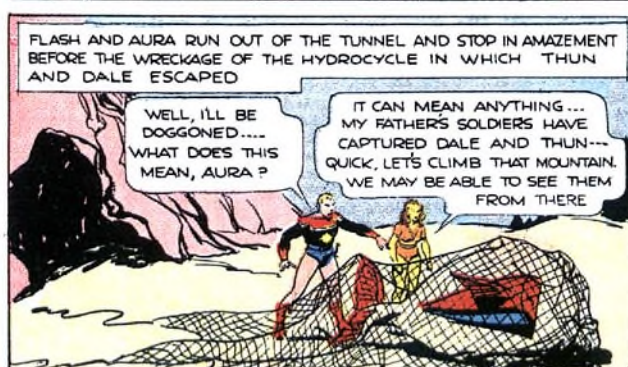
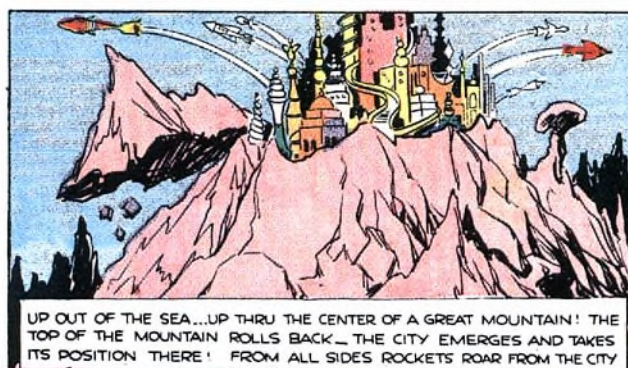
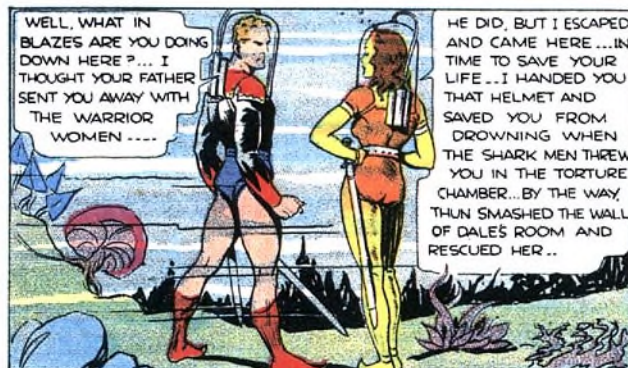
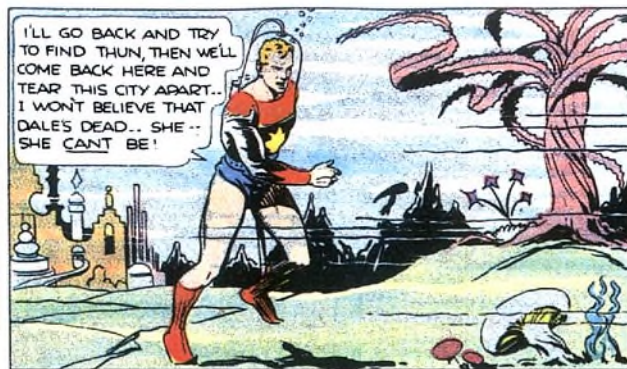
DON'T WORRY, DALE... WE'RE OUT OF THE WATER NOW... WE'RE IN A TUNNEL WHICH WILL LEAD US OUT IN THE OPEN... WE'LL FLY TO MY COUNTRY AND BRING A FLEET OF SPACE-GYROS AND HUNDREDS OF LION MEN TO FLASH'S RESCUE

OH, THUN... WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK... PLEASE WE MUST SAVE FLASH!

THE SHIP LEAPS OUT OF THE TUNNEL AT BLINDING SPEED... THERE IS A GRINDING CRASH AS IT PLUNGES INTO A HUGE STEEL NET PLACED OVER THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE... A GREAT SHOUT RISES FROM THE THROATS OF A THOUSAND MEN AND THE YELLOW SOLDIERS OF MING, THE MERCILESS, RUSH UPON THEIR PREY!

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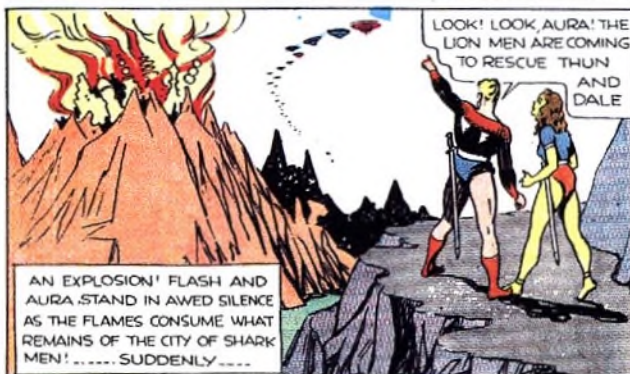
FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN, TWO EARTH PEOPLE MAROONED ON THE PLANET 'MONGO', ARE SEPARATED BY THE PLANET'S RULER, 'MING, THE MERCILESS' WHO WANTS TO MARRY DALE. FLASH MAKES A FRIEND OF THUN, PRINCE OF LIONMEN. WHILE FLASH IS BATTLING THE GREEN SHARKMEN IN A MYSTERIOUS CITY UNDER THE SEA, THUN RESCUES DALE. BUT THEY ARE CAPTURED BY MING'S SOLDIERS. FLASH ARRIVES AT DALE'S PRISON ONLY TO FIND THE WALL (AS SMASHED BY THUN) AND DALE IS GONE. STUMBLING ALONG THE SEA BOTTOM FLASH MEETS AURA, DAUGHTER OF 'MING, THE MERCILESS', WHO LEADS HIM OUT OF THE SEA TO SAFETY. THE CITY OF SHARKMEN, RISING FROM THE SEA BED TO THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN IS MYSTERIOUSLY BLOWN TO DUST BEFORE THEIR EYES ...

SPEAK, SHARKMAN! TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SON, PRINCE THUN, AND HIS FRIEND, FLASH GORDON, OR LOSE YOUR CRAVEN HEAD!

YOUR SON AND DALE ARDEN WERE CAPTURED BY THE SOLDIERS OF MING, THE MERCILESS ... I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO FLASH GORDON

THERE! THE CITY OF SHARK MEN APPEARS ON THE TOP OF YONDER MOUNTAIN ... BLOW IT INTO ATOMS!

AS YOU COMMAND, SIRE ... MAKE READY, MEN ...



LOOK! LOOK, AURA! THE LION MEN ARE COMING TO RESCUE THUN AND DALE

YES, BUT LOOK AT WHAT MY FATHER'S SOLDIERS ARE DOING... A MAGNETIC LIGHT BEAM!

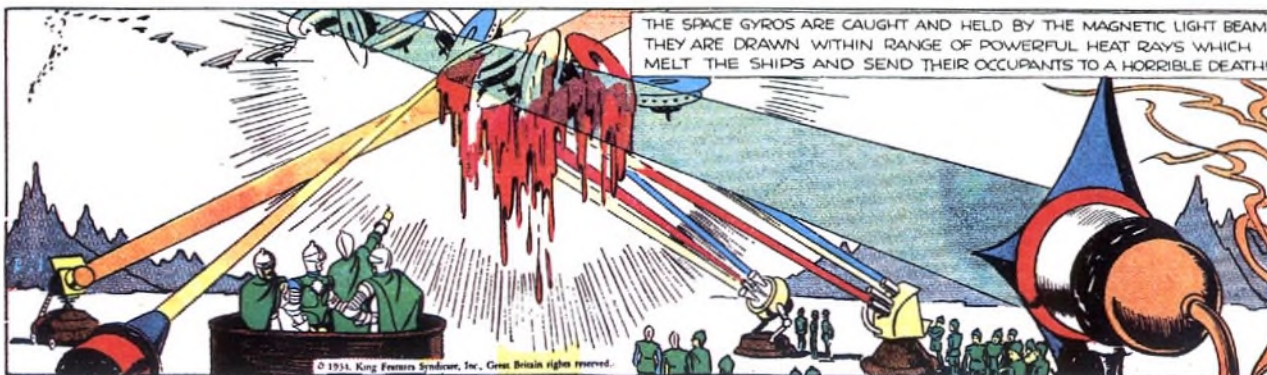
SO THAT'S THEIR GAME, IS IT?

A LONG FINGER OF LIGHT COMBS THE SKY, SEEKING THE RANGE OF THE APPROACHING SPACE GYROS...



AS FLASH SHOUTS AND WAVES HIS ARMS TO WARN THE LION MEN AURA CREEPS UP BEHIND HIM... SHE BRINGS HER SWORD HILT CRASHING DOWN ON HIS HEAD!

I LOVE YOU! DALE ARDEN MUST NOT BE RESCUED... SHE MUST MARRY MY FATHER, THE EMPEROR... YOU BELONG TO ME, ONLY ME!



JUERID, THE MIGHTY KING OF LIONMEN, LEARNING OF THE CAPTURE OF HIS SON, PRINCE THUN, AND DALE ARDEN BY THE SOLDIERS OF MING, THE MERCILESS, SETS OUT WITH AN ARMY AND A FLEET OF SPACE GYROS TO RESCUE THEM HIS FIRST ACT IS TO BLOW UP THE CITY OF SHARKMEN, WHICH IS WITNESSED BY FLASH AND AURA FROM A NEARBY MOUNTAIN - FLASH, ATTEMPTING TO WARN THE LIONMEN OF A TRAP SET BY MING'S SOLDIERS, IS KNOCKED OUT BY AURA, WHO IS MING'S DAUGHTER, AND THE SPACE GYROS OF THE LIONMEN ARE MERCILESSLY DESTROYED BY POWERFUL HEAT RAYS

THEIR HORRIBLE WORK DONE, THE YELLOW SOLDIERS WITH THEIR GREAT RAY-PROJECTORS MARCH AWAY FROM THE MOLTEN MASS OF METAL THAT HAD BEEN THE SPACE GYROS OF THE LIONMEN...



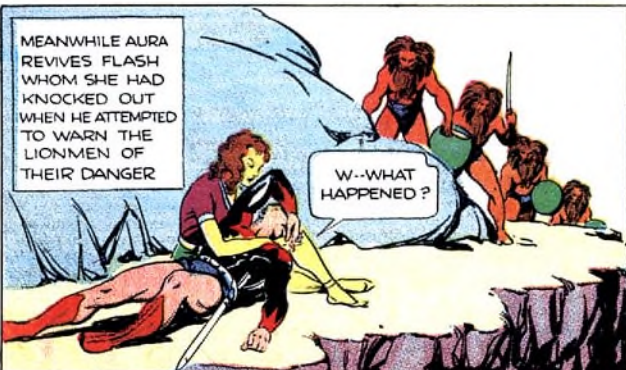
OH, THUN, IT.. IT WAS HORRIBLE!

YES, DALE, AND BY THE GREAT GOD TAO I SWEAR VENGEANCE!



MEANWHILE AURA REVIVES FLASH WHOM SHE HAD KNOCKED OUT WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO WARN THE LIONMEN OF THEIR DANGER

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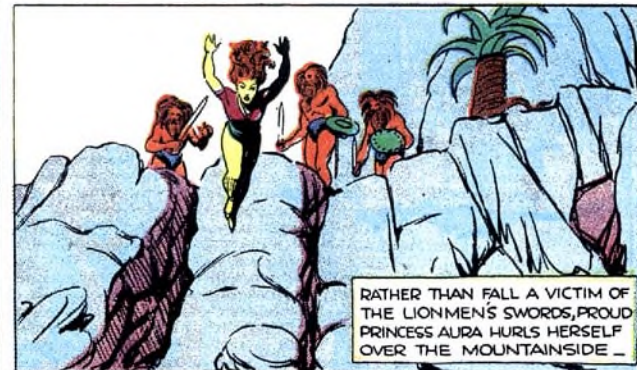
LET ME GO! YOU CAN'T KILL A GIRL IN COLD BLOOD!

SHE IS PITILESS..... SHE DESERVES NO MERCY!

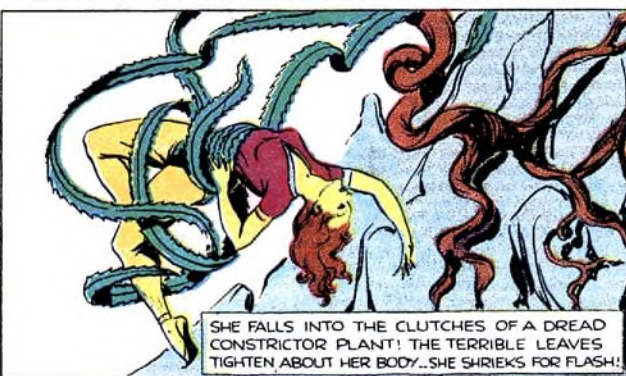
STAND BACK! YOU SHALL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE!



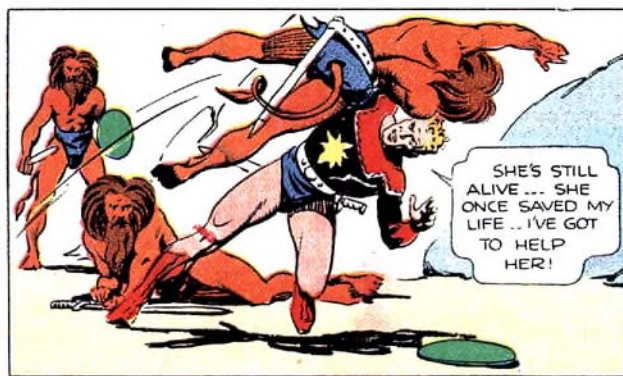
RATHER THAN FALL A VICTIM OF THE LIONMEN'S SWORDS, PROUD PRINCESS AURA HURLS HERSELF OVER THE MOUNTAINSIDE...



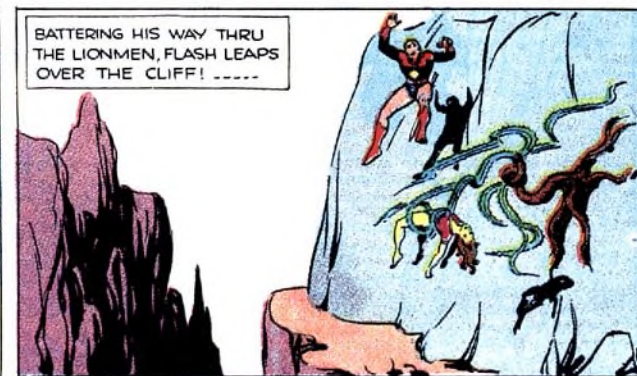
SHE FALLS INTO THE CLUTCHES OF A DREAD CONSTRICTOR PLANT! THE TERRIBLE LEAVES TIGHTEN ABOUT HER BODY... SHE SHRIEKS FOR FLASH!



SHE'S STILL ALIVE... SHE ONCE SAVED MY LIFE... I'VE GOT TO HELP HER!



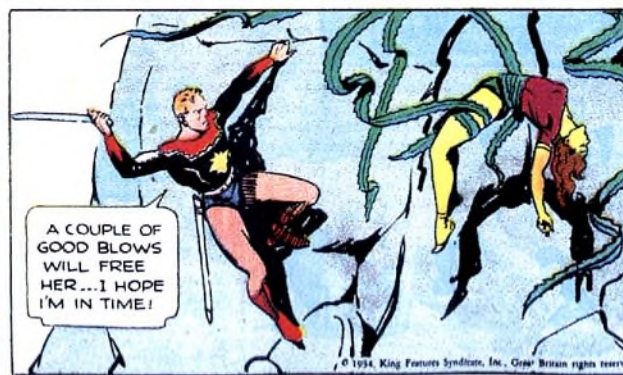
BATTERING HIS WAY THRU THE LIONMEN, FLASH LEAPS OVER THE CLIFF! ----



LANDING SAFELY ON A LEDGE HE MAKES HIS WAY TOWARD THE DREAD PLANT AND ITS VICTIM



A COUPLE OF GOOD BLOWS WILL FREE HER... I HOPE I'M IN TIME!



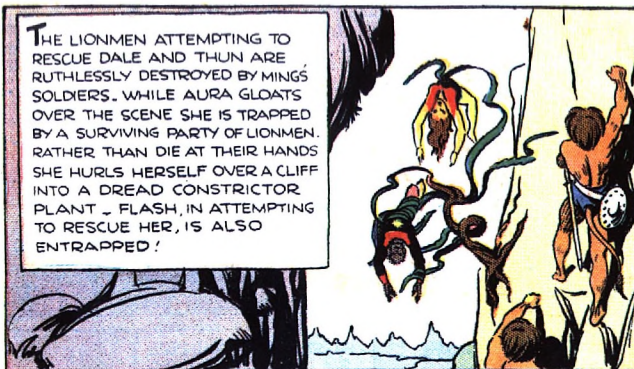
AS FLASH'S SWORD BITES INTO THE LEAF HOLDING AURA, THE WHOLE PLANT SHUDDERS AND SPRINGS TO LIFE, ENFOLDING FLASH AGAIN AND AGAIN WITH ITS CRUSHING, GRINDING LEAVES!



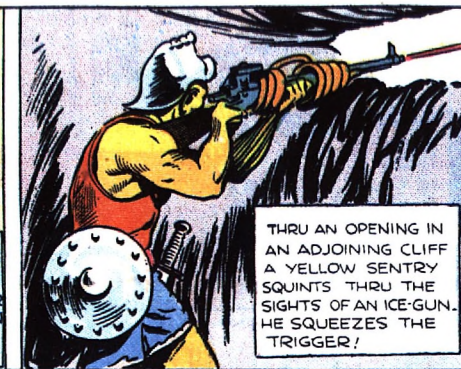
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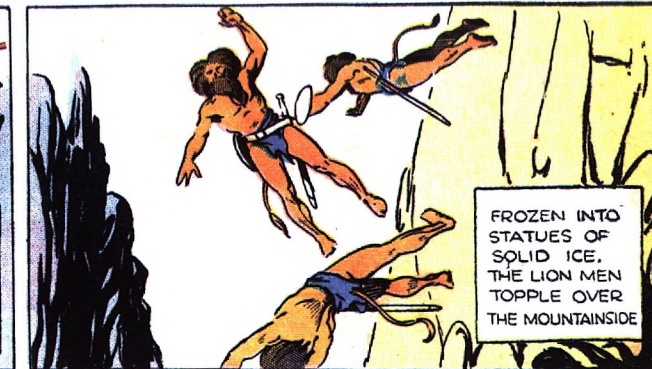
THE LIONMEN ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE DALE AND THUN ARE RUTHLESSLY DESTROYED BY MING'S SOLDIERS. WHILE AURA GLOATS OVER THE SCENE SHE IS TRAPPED BY A SURVIVING PARTY OF LIONMEN. RATHER THAN DIE AT THEIR HANDS SHE HURLS HERSELF OVER A CLIFF INTO A DREAD CONSTRUCTOR PLANT - FLASH, IN ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE HER, IS ALSO ENTRAPPED!



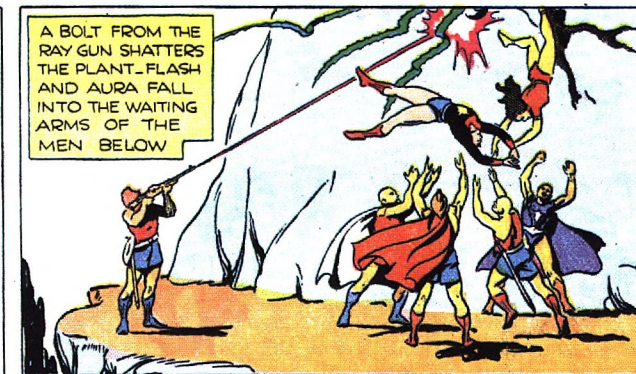
AS FLASH AND AURA ARE HELD PRISONERS BY THE DREAD CONSTRUCTOR PLANT, THE LIONMEN SCRAMBLE DOWN TO THEIR RESCUE



THRU AN OPENING IN AN ADJOINING CLIFF A YELLOW SENTRY SQUINTS THRU THE SIGHTS OF AN ICE-GUN. HE SQUEEZES THE TRIGGER!



FROZEN INTO STATUES OF SOLID ICE, THE LION MEN TOPPLE OVER THE MOUNTAINSIDE

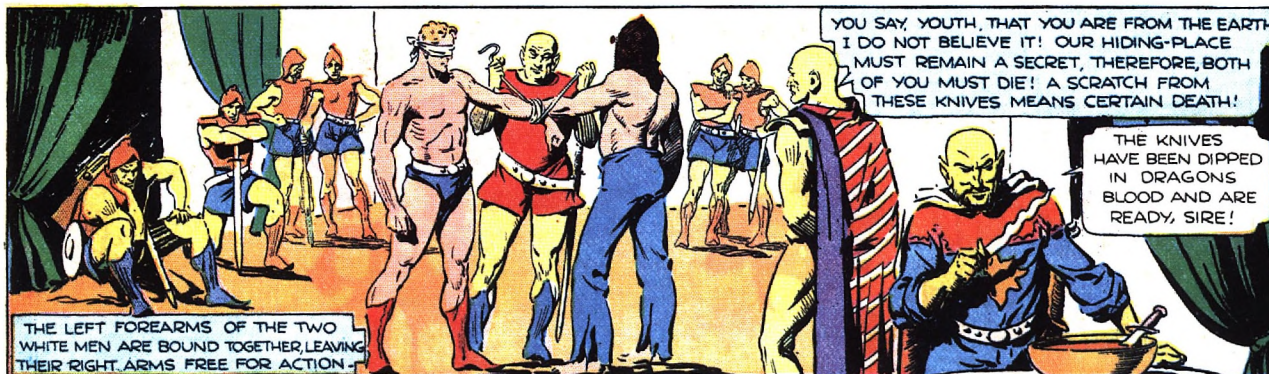


A BOLT FROM THE RAY GUN SHATTERS THE PLANT. FLASH AND AURA FALL INTO THE WAITING ARMS OF THE MEN BELOW



ANOTHER STRANGE WHITE MAN, EH? BLINDFOLD HIM AND PREPARE OUR OTHER WHITE PRISONER FOR THE ORDEAL OF THE POISON DAGGERS. TAKE PRINCESS AURA TO MY QUARTERS

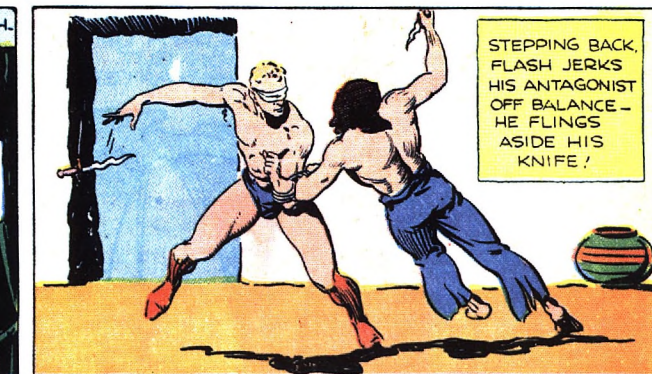
AS YOU COMMAND, PRINCE BARIN



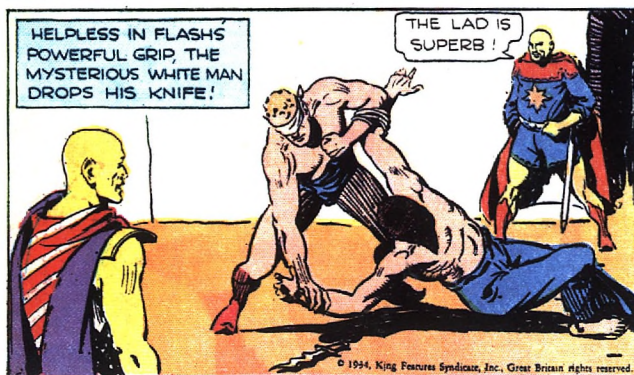
THE LEFT FOREARMS OF THE TWO WHITE MEN ARE BOUND TOGETHER, LEAVING THEIR RIGHT ARMS FREE FOR ACTION

YOU SAY, YOUTH, THAT YOU ARE FROM THE EARTH. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT! OUR HIDING-PLACE MUST REMAIN A SECRET, THEREFORE, BOTH OF YOU MUST DIE! A SCRATCH FROM THESE KNIVES MEANS CERTAIN DEATH!

THE KNIVES HAVE BEEN DIPPED IN DRAGONS BLOOD AND ARE READY, SIRE!

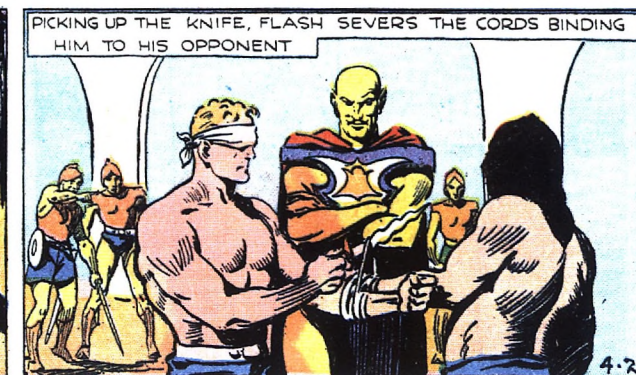


STEPPING BACK, FLASH JERKS HIS ANTAGONIST OFF BALANCE - HE FLINGS ASIDE HIS KNIFE!

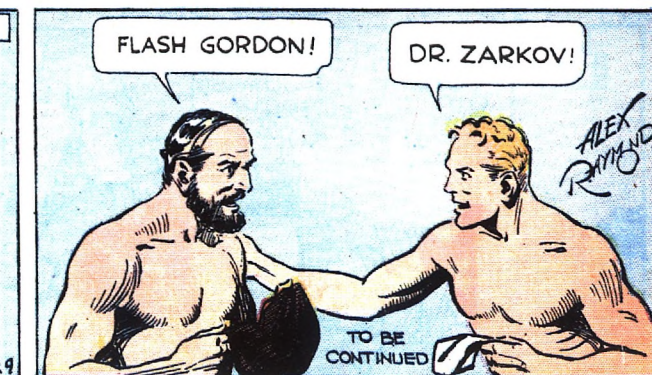


HELPLESS IN FLASH'S POWERFUL GRIP, THE MYSTERIOUS WHITE MAN DROPS HIS KNIFE!

THE LAD IS SUPERB!



PICKING UP THE KNIFE, FLASH SEVERS THE CORDS BINDING HIM TO HIS OPPONENT



FLASH GORDON!

DR. ZARKOV!

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RATHER THAN DIE AT THE HANDS OF THE LIONMEN PRINCESS AURA HURLS HERSELF OVER A CLIFF INTO A DREAD CONSTRUCTOR PLANT - FLASH, IN ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE HER, IS ALSO ENTRAPPED - A DOOR OPENS IN THE SIDE OF THE CLIFF AND THEY ARE RESCUED BY A PARTY OF REBEL YELLOW SOLDIERS - PRINCE BARIN THEIR LEADER, ORDERS THAT FLASH AND ANOTHER WHITE MAN, PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED BY THEM BE UNFOLDING AND FIGHT TO THE DEATH WITH POISONED KNIVES - FLASH WINS, BUT SAVES THE LIFE OF HIS ANTAGONIST - THEY UNMASK - IT IS DR ZARKOV!



DR ZARKOV! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW GLAD I AM TO SEE YOU! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD AFTER OUR ROCKET CRASHED ON THIS PLANET!

I WAS BADLY HURT FLASH - I TRIED TO DRAG MYSELF TO THE CITY IN THE DISTANCE BUT THESE FELLOWS PICKED ME UP AND BROUGHT ME HERE - THEY MADE ME COOK FOR THEM AND ACT AS THEIR SERVANT BUT - WELL WE SAVED THE EARTH, DIDN'T WE, LAD?



NOW MAYBE YOU'LL BELIEVE THAT WE'RE FROM THE EARTH - THIS MAN HERE WAS THE MOST BRILLIANT SCIENTIST IN THE WORLD - HE

ENOUGH - MY ADMIRATION FOR BOTH OF YOU IS BOUNDLESS - I WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOU SHAKE MY HAND AND CALL ME YOUR FRIEND!



MY FRIENDS - I HAVE INVENTED AN ELECTRIC MOLE WITH WHICH I INTEND TO BURROW UNDERGROUND, ATTACK THE PALACE OF MING, THE MERCILESS, FROM ITS ONE UNGUARDED SIDE - UNDERNEATH AND OVERTHROW MING AND HIS TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENT - ARE YOU WITH ME?

YOU BET WE ARE! WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE DALE AND THUN FROM THAT FIEND!

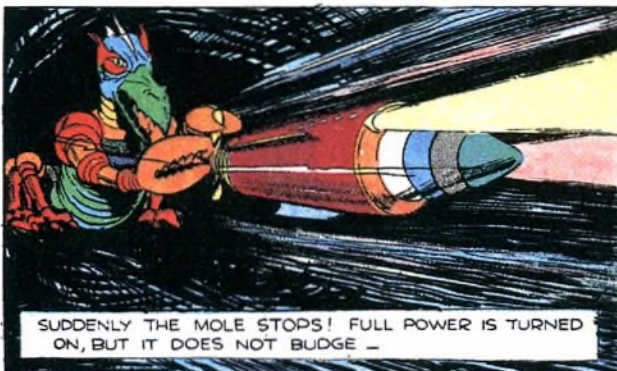


I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID - PLEASE LET ME GO WITH YOU - PLEASE!

YOU? IT IS BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I AM A HUNTED MAN WITH A PRICE ON MY HEAD! YOU WILL REMAIN HERE AS MY PRISONER!



AND SO THEY SET OUT ON THEIR DANGEROUS MISSION - POWERFUL RAYS SOFTEN THE SOIL TO A LIQUID THRU WHICH A PROPELLER DRIVES THE ELECTRIC MOLE -



SUDDENLY THE MOLE STOPS! FULL POWER IS TURNED ON, BUT IT DOES NOT BUDGE -



A GOKKO! WE ARE LOST! WE BROKE THRU THE TUNNEL OF ONE OF THE FEARFUL UNDERGROUND DRAGONS

QUICK! HELP ME ON WITH ONE OF THOSE METAL DIVING-SUITS!



ARMED WITH A RAY-GUN FLASH GOES OUT THRU A PRESSURE LOCK INTO THE LIQUID SOIL SURROUNDING THE SHIP -

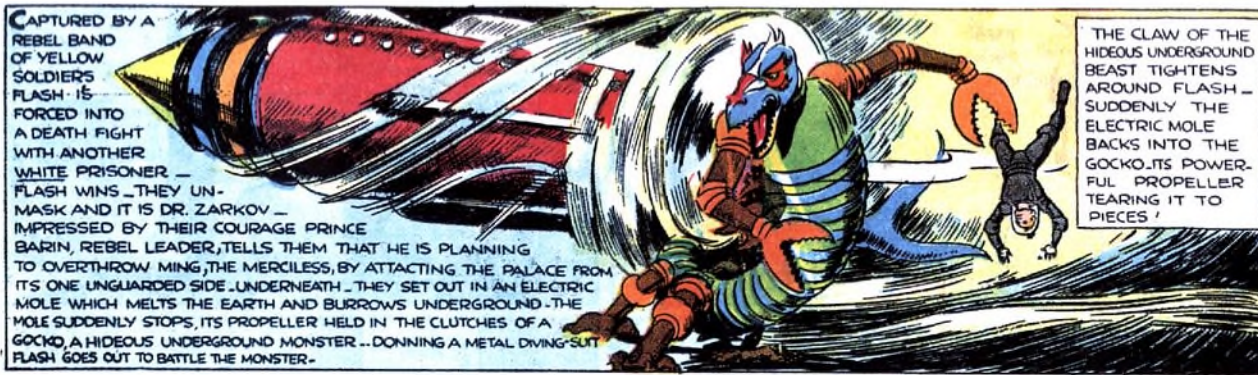


FEARLESSLY HE ADVANCES ON THE HIDEOUS BEAST - A MIGHTY CLAW REACHES FOR HIM! HE BLASTS THE CLAW WITH HIS RAY-GUN!

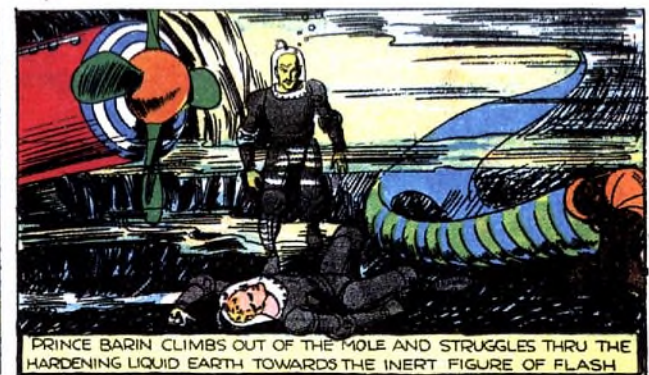


BEFORE HE CAN FIRE AGAIN HE IS CAUGHT! THE METAL DIVING-SUIT SLOWLY CRUMPLES UNDER THE CRUSHING PRESSURE OF THE MIGHTY CLAW -

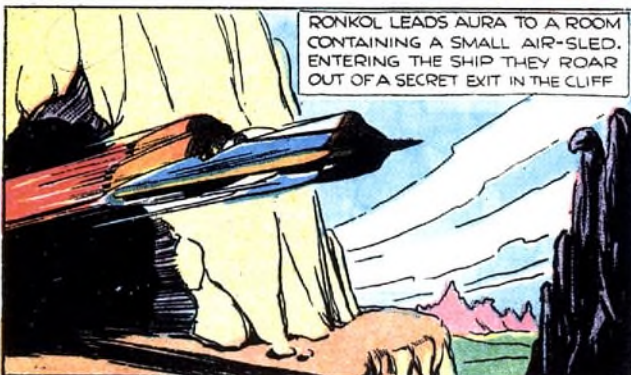
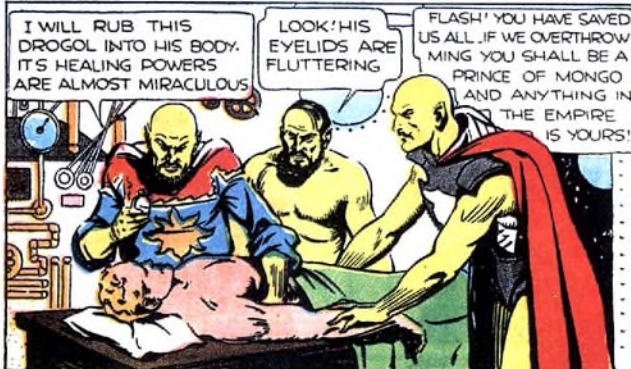
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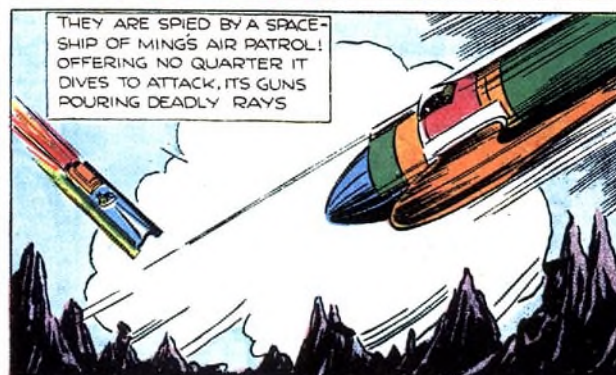
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PRINCE BARIN CLIMBS OUT OF THE MOLE AND STRUGGLES THRU THE HARDENING LIQUID EARTH TOWARDS THE INERT FIGURE OF FLASH



RONKOL LEADS AURA TO A ROOM CONTAINING A SMALL AIR-SLED. ENTERING THE SHIP THEY ROAR OUT OF A SECRET EXIT IN THE CLIFF



THEY ARE SPIED BY A SPACE-SHIP OF MING'S AIR PATROL! OFFERING NO QUARTER IT DIVES TO ATTACK, ITS GUNS POURING DEADLY RAYS



THE AIR-SLED CRASHES. RONKOL IS MERCILESSLY TURNED INTO A FLAMING TORCH BY A RAY FROM THE PATROL SHIP!



AND FAR BENEATH THE EARTH THE ELECTRIC MOLE IS HEADING UPWARD TOWARD THE PALACE OF MING, THE MERCILESS

ANOTHER TEN MINUTES AND WE WILL BE IN THE PALACE OF THE UNSUSPECTING TYRANT!

AND IF HE HAS HARMED DALE OR THUN I'LL.....

MAROONED ON THE PLANET OF MONGO, FLASH GORDON JOINS PRINCE THUN OF THE LIONMEN AND THE REBEL PRINCE BARIN TO OVERTHROW EMPEROR MING, THE MERCILESS, AND RESCUE FLASH'S SWEETHEART, DALE ARDEN. RACING UNDERGROUND TOWARD THE PALACE IN AN ELECTRIC MOLE, THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT MING'S DAUGHTER, AURA, IS ON HER WAY TO WARN THE EMPEROR



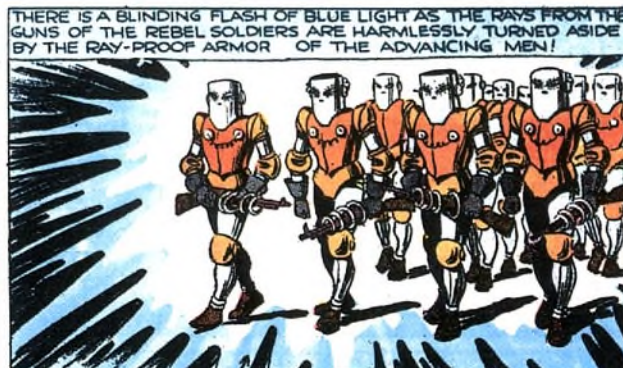
WITH A RENDING CRASH, THE REBEL PRINCE BARIN'S ELECTRIC MOLE POKES ITS NOSE THRU THE FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL HALL OF MING'S PALACE



LOOK, PRINCE BARIN, WE'VE BEEN BETRAYED! -- ARMORED SOLDIERS!



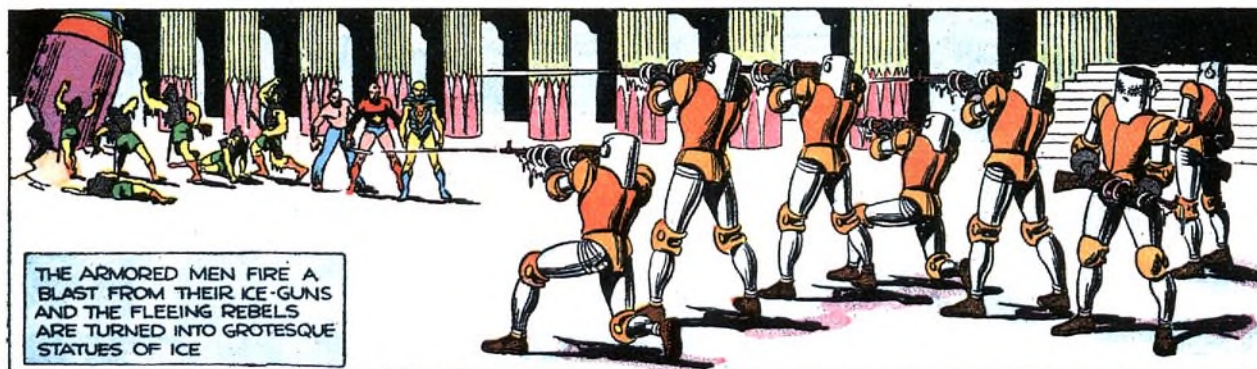
LET 'EM HAVE IT, MEN!



THERE IS A BLINDING FLASH OF BLUE LIGHT AS THE RAYS FROM THE GUNS OF THE REBEL SOLDIERS ARE HARMLESSLY TURNED ASIDE BY THE RAY-PROOF ARMOR OF THE ADVANCING MEN!



DESPITE THE THREATS AND PLEAS OF FLASH, BARIN AND DR. ZARKOV, THEIR PANIC-STRIKEN MEN BREAK AND RUN IN WILD DISORDER!



THE ARMORED MEN FIRE A BLAST FROM THEIR ICE-GUNS AND THE FLEEING REBELS ARE TURNED INTO GROTESQUE STATUES OF ICE



SUBDUED BY WEIGHT OF NUMBERS, FLASH AND HIS COMPANIONS ARE LASHED TO A PILLAR... A FIRING SQUAD STANDS READY!



FLASH!

AT THAT INSTANT, MING, THE MERCILESS, ZOGI, THE HIGH PRIEST, AND DALE APPEAR ON THE SCENE!



WE DID OUR BEST TO SAVE YOU, DEAR, BUT WE WERE BETRAYED... I GUESS THEY HAVE US NOW!

FLASH DARLING, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH! LET THEM SHOOT... THEY'LL KILL ME, TOO, AND WE'LL BE TOGETHER... FOREVER...



VERY WELL, DALE ARDEN, YOU CAN HAVE HIM!... IN DEATH! PROCEED WITH THE EXECUTION, CAPTAIN!

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PAROONED ON THE PLANET MONGO FLASH GORDON JOINS PRINCE THUN OF THE LIONMEN AND THE REBEL PRINCE BARIN TO OVERTHROW EMPEROR MING, THE MERCILESS, AND RESCUE FLASH'S SWEETHEART, DALE ARDEN ... THEY RUN UNDERGROUND IN AN ELECTRIC MOLE AND FORCE THEIR WAY INTO THE PALACE ... WARNED BY HIS DAUGHTER, PRINCESS AURA, MING SURPRISES THEM, KILLS THEIR SOLDIERS AND ORDERS FLASH, BARIN AND ZARKOV EXECUTED ...



IF YOU LOVE HIM SO MUCH YOU CAN DIE WITH HIM, DALE ARDEN! SHOOT THEM DOWN!

COME ON, SHOOT, YOU YELLOW DOG! WE AREN'T AFRAID TO DIE!

HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN! REMEMBER, SIRE, ACCORDING TO THE HOLY WRIT OF THE GREAT GOD TAO, EVEN A TRAITOR HAS THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE TWO TERRIBLE TESTS AND THE FIRING SQUAD!

ZOGI, IF YOU WERE NOT THE HIGH PRIEST I WOULD HAVE YOUR TONGUE TORN OUT FOR YOUR INSOLENCE

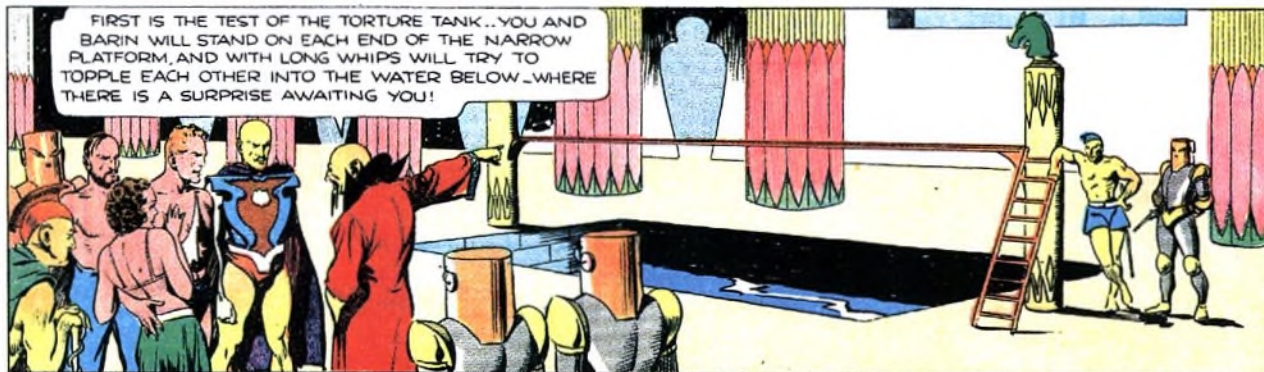


ON SECOND THOUGHT, THE TESTS WOULD FURNISH US WITH GREATER AMUSEMENT!

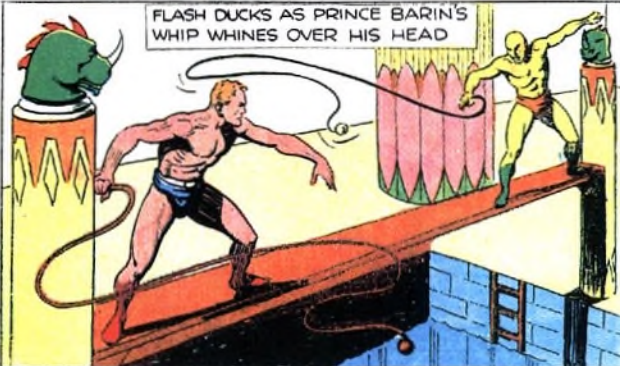
OH, YES, WE MUST ABIDE BY HOLY WRIT... THEN, TOO, ER... AH... I SEE NO REASON FOR KILLING THE GIRL



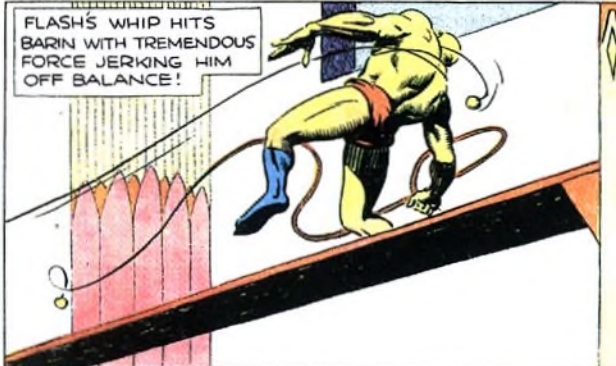
FIRST IS THE TEST OF THE TORTURE TANK... YOU AND BARIN WILL STAND ON EACH END OF THE NARROW PLATFORM, AND WITH LONG WHIPS WILL TRY TO TOPPLE EACH OTHER INTO THE WATER BELOW... WHERE THERE IS A SURPRISE AWAITING YOU!



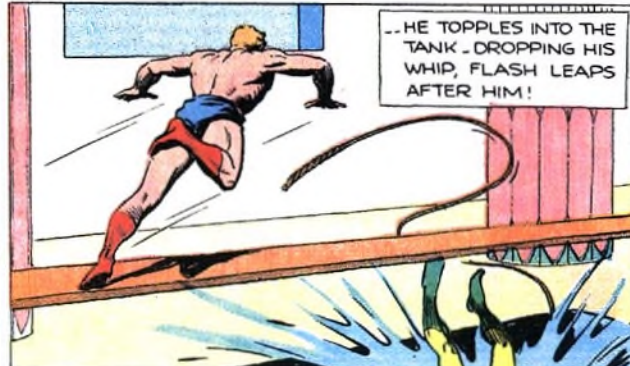
FLASH DUCKS AS PRINCE BARIN'S WHIP WHINES OVER HIS HEAD



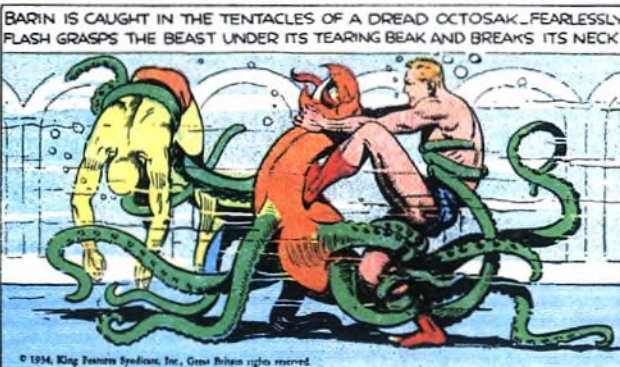
FLASH'S WHIP HITS BARIN WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE JERKING HIM OFF BALANCE!



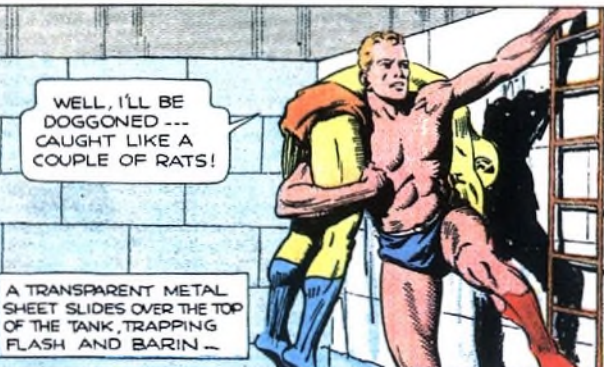
... HE TOPPLES INTO THE TANK... DROPPING HIS WHIP, FLASH LEAPS AFTER HIM!



BARIN IS CAUGHT IN THE TENTACLES OF A DREAD OCTOSAK... FEARLESSLY FLASH GRASPS THE BEAST UNDER ITS TEARING BEAK AND BREAKS ITS NECK



WELL, I'LL BE DOGGONED --- CAUGHT LIKE A COUPLE OF RATS!



A TRANSPARENT METAL SHEET SLIDES OVER THE TOP OF THE TANK, TRAPPING FLASH AND BARIN...

FLASH HEARS A GROWL... HE LOOKS DOWN... THE WATER IS DRAINED OUT OF THE TANK... THE BODY OF THE OCTOSAK IS GONE AND IN ITS STEAD ARE THREE SNARLING TIGRONS!



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MAROOINED ON THE PLANET MONGO, FLASH GORDON JOINS PRINCE THUN OF LIONMEN AND PRINCE BARIN TO OVERTHROW MING, THE MERCILESS, AND RESCUE FLASH'S SWEET-HEART, DALE ARDEN... IN AN ELECTRIC MOLE THEY BURROW UNDERGROUND AND ENTER MING'S PALACE... MING, FORWARDED BY AURA, HIS DAUGHTER, CAPTURES THEM... RATHER THAN BE SHOT, FLASH VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE THE TWO TERRIBLE TESTS... SURVIVING THE FIRST TEST WE NOW SEE HIM FACING THE SECOND ONE



PLACING THE UNCONSCIOUS PRINCE BARIN ON THE FLOOR, FLASH FACES THE THREE SNARLING TIGRONS



THE FIRST ONE CHARGES! FLASH LEAPS TO A RUNG OF THE LADDER AND STEPS HIGH INTO THE AIR!



HE COMES DOWN ON THE BEAST'S BACK, FASTENING IT IN A DEADLY GRIP! ITS NECK SNAPS!



INSTANTLY THE OTHER BEASTS CRAZED WITH HUNGER LEAP AT EACH OTHER TO FIGHT FOR POSSESSION OF THE BODY!



FURIOUSLY THE BATTLE RAGES UNTIL BOTH ANIMALS ARE DOWN, WOUNDED UNTO DEATH!



YES, I FEEL ALL RIGHT NOW... IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, THAT OCTOSAK WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME... HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE?

I DON'T KNOW, PRINCE BARIN - IT'S A CINCH WE CAN'T MOVE THAT HEAVY METAL COVERING FROM INSIDE THIS TANK



IN THE MEANTIME

BEFORE WE EXECUTE YOU, WE'LL TAKE YOU OVER TO THE "TORTURE TANK" AND SHOW YOU WHAT REMAINS OF YOUR FRIEND, FLASH GORDON!

DO YOU MEAN FLASH IS DEAD?

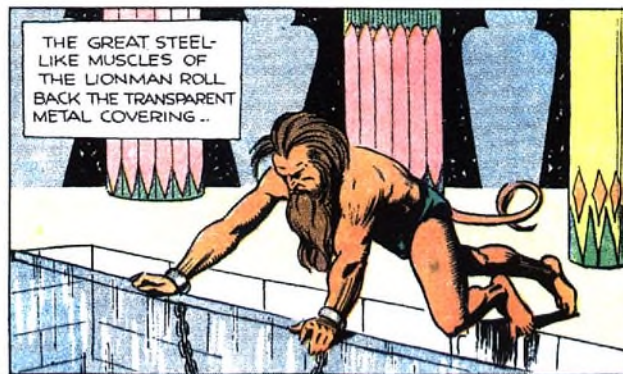


SO YOU'VE KILLED FLASH, YOU DIRTY SWINE! I'LL CRUSH EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODIES! I'LL.....

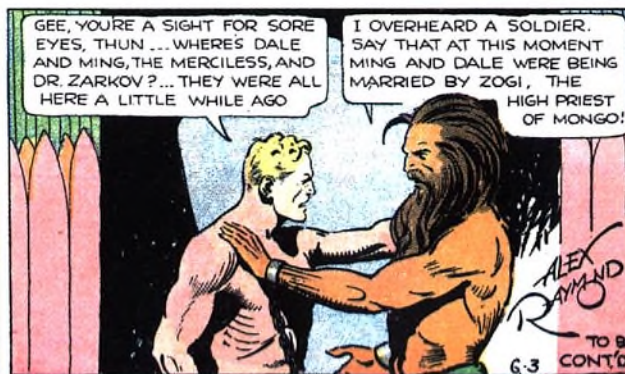


THUN! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, OLD FELLOW! SEE IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT OF HERE!

FLASH! ALIVE! THANKS BE TO THE GREAT GOD TAO!



THE GREAT STEEL-LIKE MUSCLES OF THE LIONMAN ROLL BACK THE TRANSPARENT METAL COVERING...



GEE, YOU'RE A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES, THUN... WHERE'S DALE AND MING, THE MERCILESS, AND DR. ZARKOV?... THEY WERE ALL HERE A LITTLE WHILE AGO

I OVERHEARD A SOLDIER SAY THAT AT THIS MOMENT MING AND DALE WERE BEING MARRIED BY ZOGI, THE HIGH PRIEST OF MONGO!

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6-3

MING, THE MERCILESS, EMPEROR OF MONGO, IS SO ANXIOUS TO MARRY HIS EARTH-GIRL CAPTIVE, DALE ARDEN, THAT HE DOES NOT STAY TO WATCH THE TIGRONS ATTACK FLASH GORDON - BUT HE PLACES ARMED GUARDS IN THE TEMPLE HALL SO THAT NOTHING SHALL STOP THE WEDDING -



BY NOW MY SABER-TOOTHED TIGRONS HAVE TORN YOUR HERO TO PIECES!

POOR FLASH! HE DIED TRYING TO SAVE ME... NOTHING MATTERS NOW!



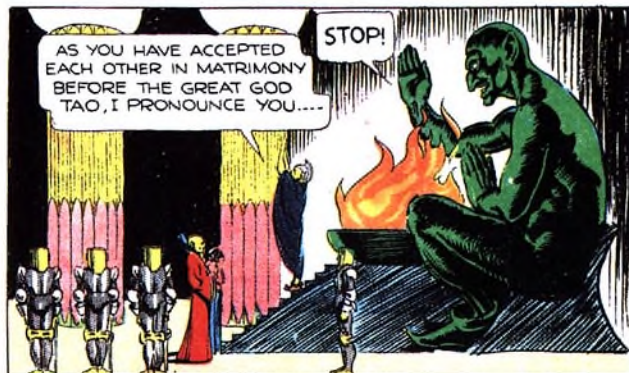
DOES YOUR SUPREME INTELLIGENCE TAKE THIS EARTH-WOMAN TO BE YOUR WIFE, EMPRESS OF MONGO?

I DO!



AND DO YOU TAKE THIS JUST AND BRILLIANT MAN TO BE YOUR LORD AND MASTER?

I-I DON'T CARE NOW WHAT HAPPENS!



AS YOU HAVE ACCEPTED EACH OTHER IN MATRIMONY BEFORE THE GREAT GOD TAO, I PRONOUNCE YOU....

STOP!



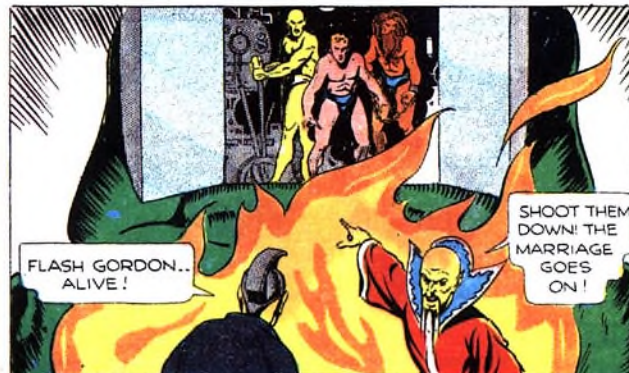
I, TAO, FORBID THIS MARRIAGE!

FLASH, DARLING! THEY TOLD ME YOU WERE DEAD!



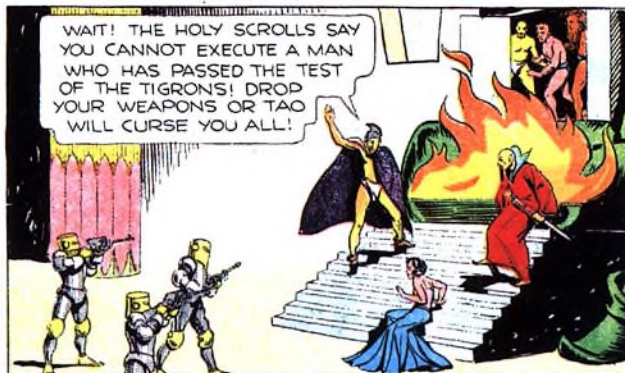
IT'S A TRICK, FOOLS! A STONE IDOL CAN'T TALK!...

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!



FLASH GORDON... ALIVE!

SHOOT THEM DOWN! THE MARRIAGE GOES ON!



WAIT! THE HOLY SCROLLS SAY YOU CANNOT EXECUTE A MAN WHO HAS PASSED THE TEST OF THE TIGRONS! DROP YOUR WEAPONS OR TAO WILL CURSE YOU ALL!

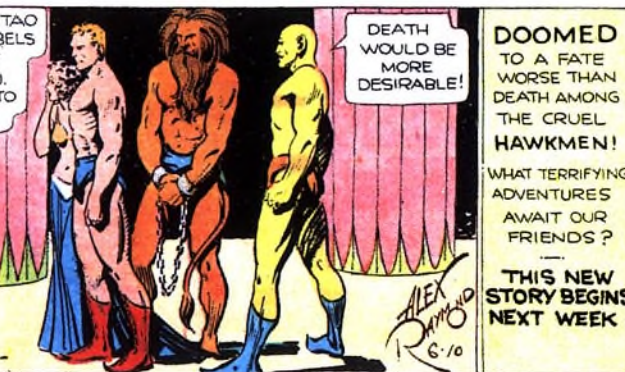


YOU DARE DEFEY ME? I WILL SHUT YOUR JABBERING MOUTH FOREVER!

YA-A-A-A



SO TAO FORBIDS ME TO SLAY YOU! WELL, TAO AND I WILL BOTH LAUGH WHILE YOU REBELS SLAVE AND DIE IN THE PRISON CITY OF THE HAWKMEN! YOU, DALE WILL BE TAUGHT TO ACT LIKE MY EMPRESS!



DEATH WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE!

DOOMED TO A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH AMONG THE CRUEL HAWKMEN! WHAT TERRIFYING ADVENTURES AWAIT OUR FRIENDS?

THIS NEW STORY BEGINS NEXT WEEK

TO BE CONTINUED -

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FLASHING, THE MERCILESS, ABOUT TO HAVE FLASH KILLED FOR DELAYING HIS WEDDING WITH DALE ARDEN, IS REMINDED BY ZOGI THAT SUCH ACTION IS FORBIDDEN BY THE HOLY SCROLLS, FLASH HAVING PASSED THE TEST OF THE TIGRONS- INFURIATED, MING KILLS ZOGI AND ORDERS FLASH, DALE, BARIN AND THUN SENT TO THE PRISON CITY OF HAWKMEN!

I DON'T CARE, FATHER, I'LL SEE FLASH AGAIN IN SPITE OF ALL YOUR THREATS!

IF YOU DARE DISOBEY ME, AURA, I'LL HAVE YOUR PRETTY BACK LASHED TO RIBBONS!

MEANWHILE THE PRISON SHIP ROARS THRU THE STRATOSPHERE, CARRYING OUR FRIENDS TO THE PRISON CITY OF THE HAWKMEN!

IN A CELL ABOARD THE SHIP FLASH AND THUN WORK FEVERISHLY ON EACH OTHERS BONDS

ATTABOY, THUN... IF WE WORK FAST WE MAY BE ABLE TO FREE ZARKOV AND BARIN AND GET CONTROL OF THIS DOGGONE SHIP!

WE ARE PASSING OVER THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS... SEE HOW WILDLY THE COMPASS AND OTHER DIALS ARE SWAYING? WE MUST STEER BY SIGHT HERE!

LOOK, CAPTAIN THE WINDOW, IT'S TURNING GREEN!

THE GREEN FOG!

I CAN'T SEE! WE'RE DOOMED!

BLINDED BY THE GREEN FOG, THE PILOT LOSES CONTROL... THE SHIP IS DRAWN TOWARD THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS... IT CRASHES!

HELP! HELP!

OK, FLASH... TAKE HIS KEYS!

STOP SQUIRMING OR I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO SQUIRM ABOUT!

NICE WORK, MY BOY... HOW'D YOU GET OUT?

THE CRASH SPRUNG THE LOCK ON OUR CELL COME ON... TO THE CONTROL CABIN QUICK!

CURSE YOU, GIRL, LET GO OF ME!

FLASH! HE'S TRYING TO GET THE SPACEPHONE TO CALL MING!

SORRY TO DO THIS, CAPTAIN LIN-CHU, BUT WE DON'T EXACTLY TRUST YOU!

OKAY, COME ON... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

AS THE PARTY EMERGES FROM THE SHIP A MISSHAPEN BROWN DWARF RAISES HIS RIGHT ARM AND HURLS A PECULIAR S-SHAPED WEAPON!

...AND FLASH SINKS TO THE GROUND AS THE SCREAMING DWARFS SWARM DOWN ON THEM!

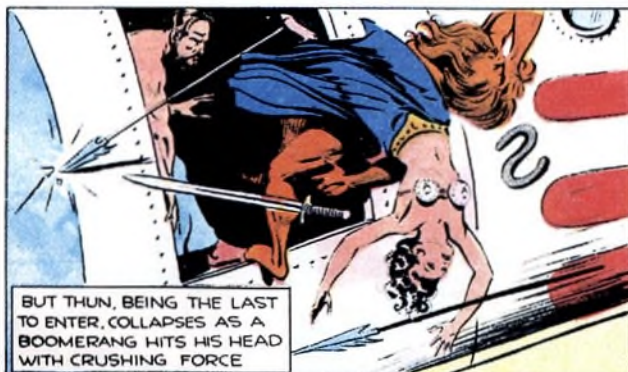
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THE ROCKET SHIP, CARRYING FLASH, DALE, BARIN, DR. ZARKOV AND THUN TO THE PRISON CITY OF HAWK-MEN UNDER THE ORDERS OF MING, THE MERCILESS, IS LOST IN THE GREEN FOG WHILE PASSING OVER THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS--THE SHIP CRASHES--STEPPING OUT THEY ARE ATTACKED BY A BAND OF BROWN DWARFS--FLASH SINKS TO THE GROUND, STRUCK BY ONE OF THEIR BOOMERANGS----

QUICK, BACK TO THE SHIP...! THUN, YOU CARRY DALE, DR. ZARKOV AND I WILL CARRY FLASH!



AMID A HAIL OF S-SHAPED BOOMERANGS AND SPEARS THEY CLAMBER ABOARD THE SHIP



BUT THUN, BEING THE LAST TO ENTER, COLLAPSES AS A BOOMERANG HITS HIS HEAD WITH CRUSHING FORCE

WHILE FOUR OF THE DWARFS HOLD ZARKOV AND BARIN AT BAY----



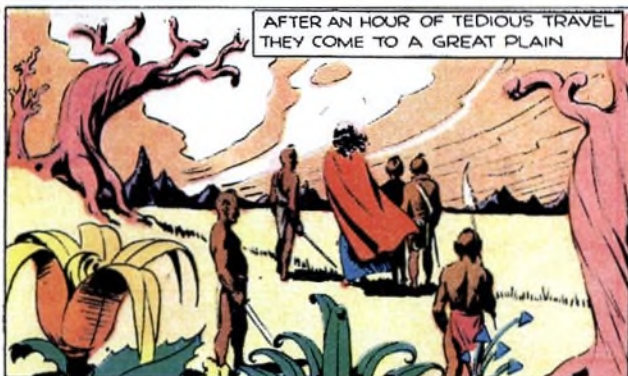
NAME YOUR PRICE WE WILL GIVE YOU ALL WE HAVE IF YOU RELEASE THE GIRL!



THE REST OF THE BAND

DRAWS THE STRUGGLING DALE INTO THE STUNTED FOREST

HELP! HELP! AH, IF FLASH WERE ONLY HERE.



AFTER AN HOUR OF TEDIOUS TRAVEL THEY COME TO A GREAT PLAIN

FAR OUT ON THE PLAIN BULWA, LEADER OF THE ARMOR-PLATED WOLVRONS, HOWLS HIS CHALLENGE....



AND LEADS HIS PACK TO THE ATTACK...THE PANIC-STRICKEN DWARFS BREAK AND RUN FOR THE TREES



BUT ROGA, SON OF NURID, KING OF DWARFS, BRAVELY PLACES HIMSELF BETWEEN DALE AND THE WICKED, GLEAMING FANGS!



HIS SWORD USELESS AGAINST THE ARMORED REASTS, HE GOES DOWN FIGHTING...



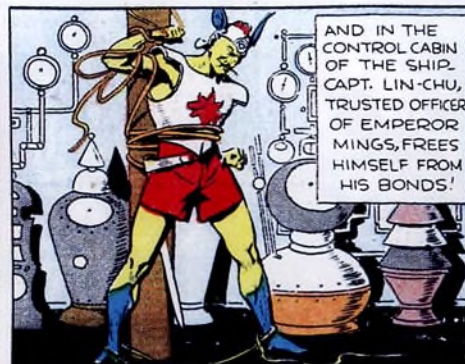
LEAVING DALE TO FACE THE BLOOD-THIRSTY PACK ALONE

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HAVING CRASHED IN THE MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS WHILE ENROUTE TO THE PRISON CITY OF HAWKMEN OUR FRIENDS ARE ATTACKED BY THE BROWN DWARFS. FLASH IS KNOCKED OUT AND THEY ARE FORCED TO RETREAT TO THE SHIP. BUT THUN WHO IS CARRYING DALE, IS STRUCK BY A BOOMERANG AND SHE IS CAPTURED — CROSSING A GREAT PLAIN DALE AND HER CAPTORS ARE ATTACKED BY WOLVRONS. THE DWARFS FLEE, LEAVING ROGA, THEIR PRINCE, TO DEFEAT DALE. ROGA GOES DOWN, LEAVING DALE ALONE WITH THE BEASTS —



WHILE DR ZARKOV AND PRINCE BARIN ARE HELD PRISONERS BY THE DWARFS, FLASH RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS

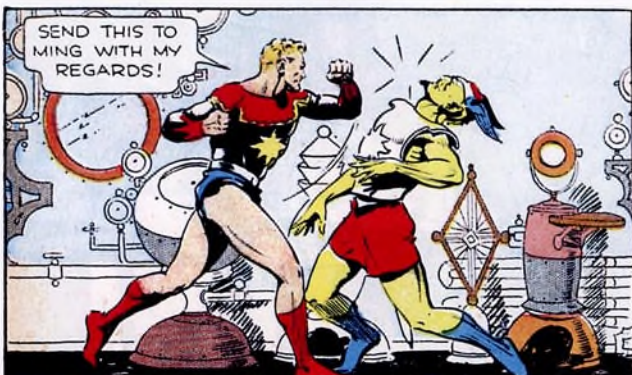


AND IN THE CONTROL CABIN OF THE SHIP, CAPT. LIN-CHU, TRUSTED OFFICER OF EMPEROR MINGS, FREES HIMSELF FROM HIS BONDS!

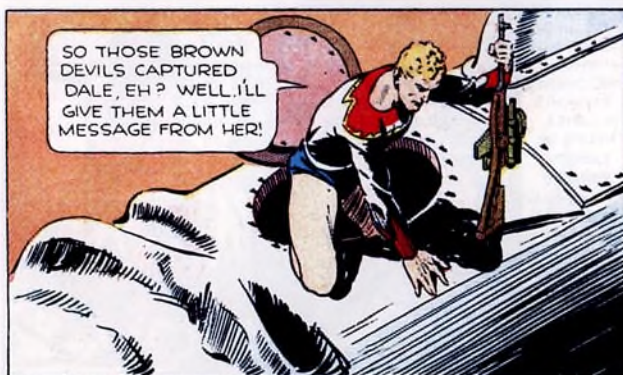


HE MAKES HIS WAY TO THE SPACEPHONE

CAPTAIN LIN-CHU CALLING MING, THE MERCILESS. SHIP CRASHED IN MAGNETIC MOUNTAINS. PRISONERS ESCAPED. CALLING MING, THE MERCILESS!



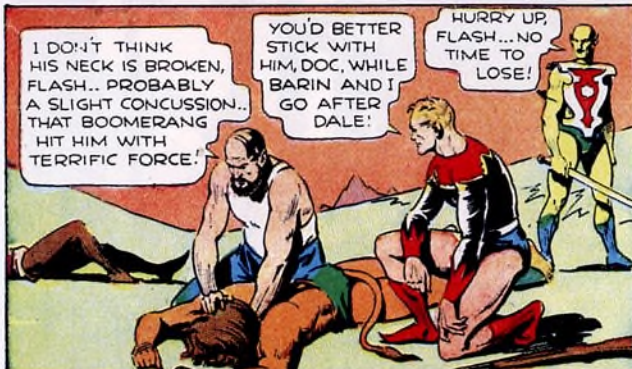
SEND THIS TO MING WITH MY REGARDS!



SO THOSE BROWN DEVILS CAPTURED DALE, EH? WELL, I'LL GIVE THEM A LITTLE MESSAGE FROM HER!



HERE YOU ARE, BOYS, SPECIAL DELIVERY!



I DON'T THINK HIS NECK IS BROKEN, FLASH... PROBABLY A SLIGHT CONCUSSION... THAT BOOMERANG HIT HIM WITH TERRIFIC FORCE!

YOU'D BETTER STICK WITH HIM, DOC, WHILE BARIN AND I GO AFTER DALE!

HURRY UP, FLASH... NO TIME TO LOSE!



IN THE MEANTIME

DALE, DESERTED BY HER COWARDLY CAPTORS, FACES A HOWLING PACK OF ARMOR-PLATED WOLVRONS



AS THE LEADER OF THE PACK LEAPS AT HER THROAT THERE IS A BLINDING FLASH... HE TWISTS HORRIBLY IN MIDAIR...



DALE!

FLASH... DARLING!



AND WHEN THOSE BEASTS ATTACKED US THEY ALL RAN... ALL BUT BRAVE LITTLE PRINCE ROGA... HE DIED TRYING TO SAVE ME... IT WAS AWFUL!

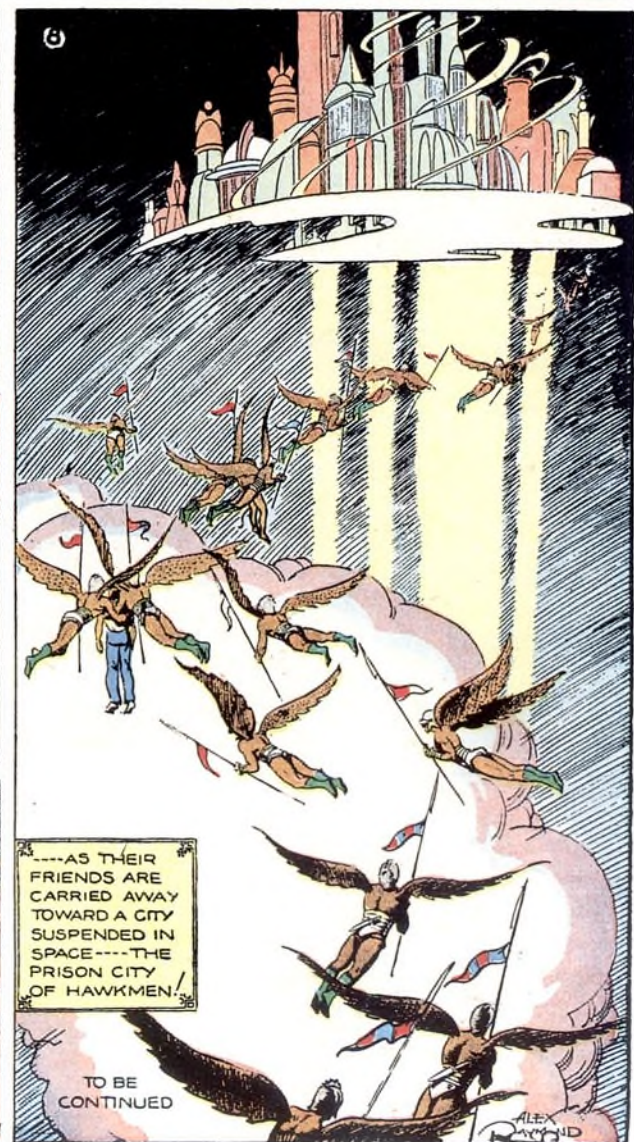
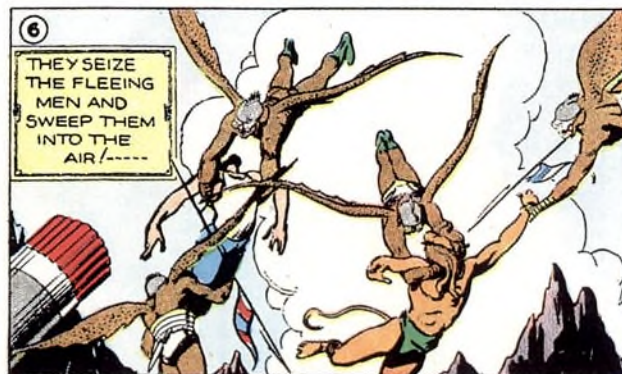
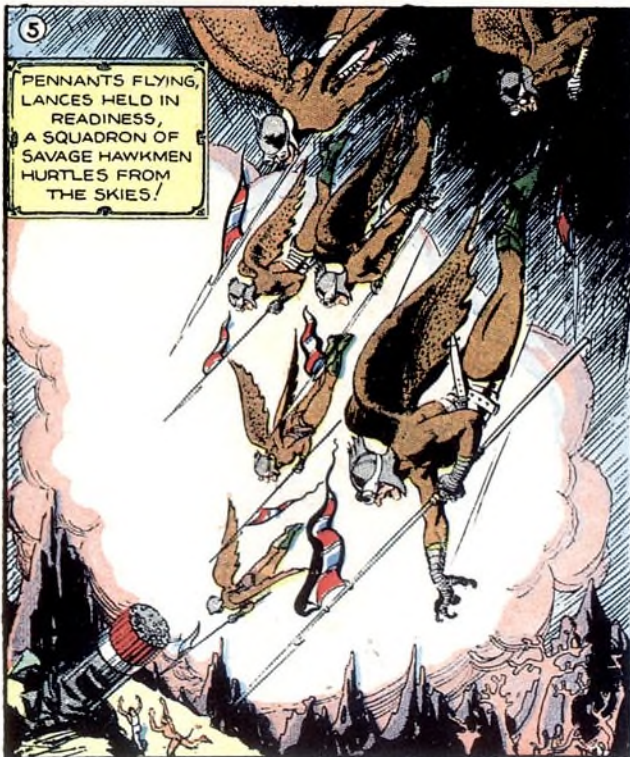
WELL, DEAR, IT'S ALL OVER NOW, SO TRY AND FORGET IT!

SAY, FLASH, THIS FELLOW'S STILL ALIVE!

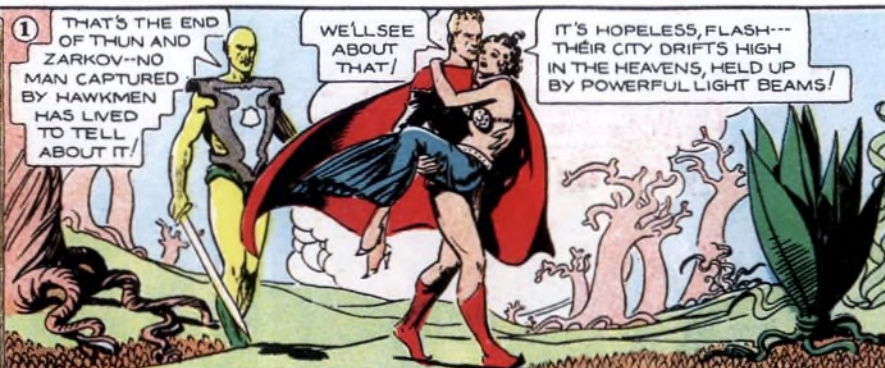


PICKING UP LITTLE ROGA THEY SET OUT FOR THE SHIP. BUT THE COWARDLY DWARFS WAIT IN AMBUSH!

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FLASH AND BARIN, BRINGING DALE AND THE UNCONSCIOUS ROGA, DWARF PRINCE, BACK TO THEIR WRECKED ROCKET, AFTER SAVING THEM FROM THE WOLVRONS, ARE ATTACKED BY THREE DWARFS WHO HAD DESERTED THEIR PRINCE---BARIN STOPS THEM BY THREATENING TO KILL ROGA---MEANWHILE A SQUADRON OF HAWKMEN CAPTURES DR. ZARKOV AND THUN, WHO HAD BEEN LEFT AT THE WRECKED SHIP, AND BEFORE THE HORRIFIED EYES OF FLASH, DALE AND BARIN THEY ARE CARRIED AWAY!





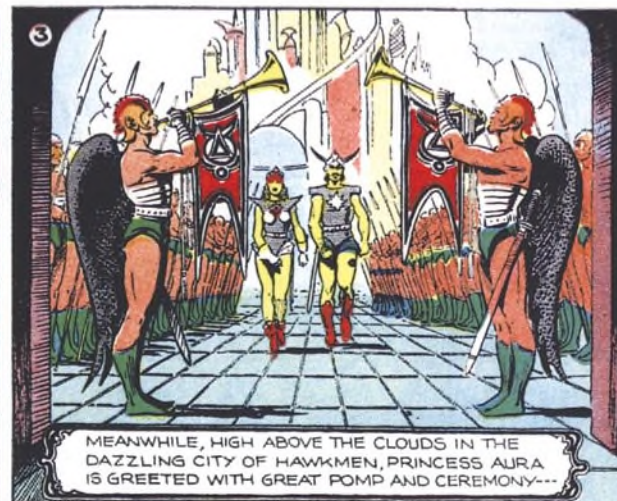
① I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU, ROGA--WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

YOU ONCE SAVED MY LIFE, FLASH GORDON---NOW PERHAPS I CAN HELP YOU---COME WITH ME TO MY CITY!

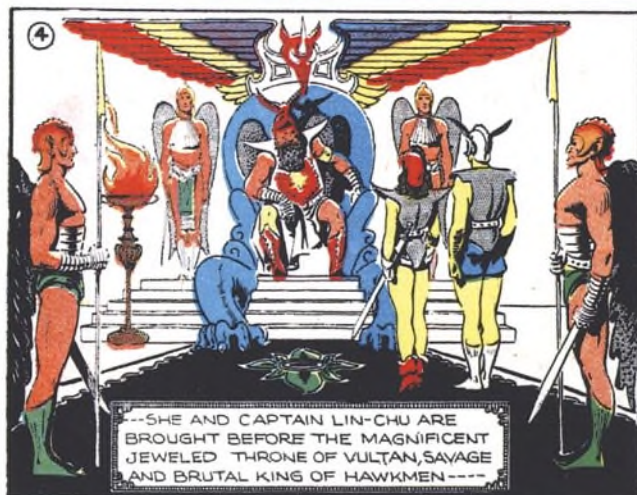
AFTER HELPLESSLY WATCHING THE CAPTURE OF DR. ZARKOV AND THUN BY THE HAWKMEN, FLASH, DALE AND BARIN SORROWFULLY RETURN TO THEIR WRECKED ROCKET---A SHIP APPROACHES AND LANDS---PRINCESS AURA STEPS OUT AND OFFERS FLASH THE CHOICE OF MARRYING HER OR BEING EVENTUALLY CAPTURED AND KILLED---FLASH CHOOSES DEATH---IN A RAGE, AURA SETS OFF FOR THE CITY OF HAWKMEN---AT THAT MOMENT ROGA, DWARF PRINCE, STEPS FROM BEHIND A TREE AND OFFERS TO HELP FLASH---



② HASTEN TO OUR UNDERGROUND CITY--TELL MY FATHER, KING NURID, TO SEND US AN ARMED ESCORT OF FIFTY MEN TO PROTECT US FROM THE HAWKMEN!



MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS IN THE DAZZLING CITY OF HAWKMEN, PRINCESS AURA IS GREETED WITH GREAT POMP AND CEREMONY---

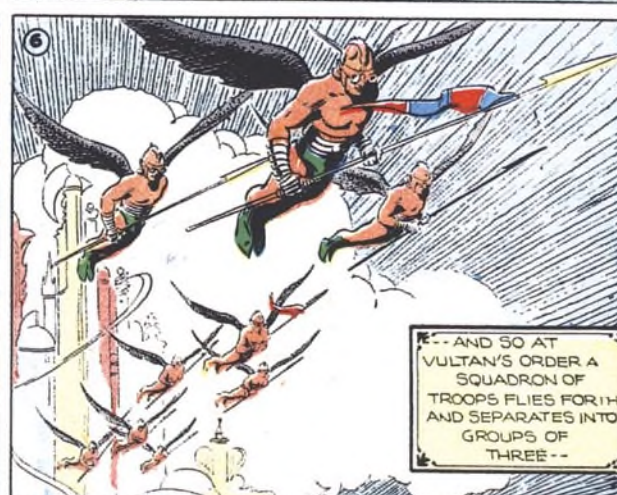


---SHE AND CAPTAIN LIN-CHU ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MAGNIFICENT JEWELLED THRONE OF VULTAN, SAVAGE AND BRUTAL KING OF HAWKMEN---

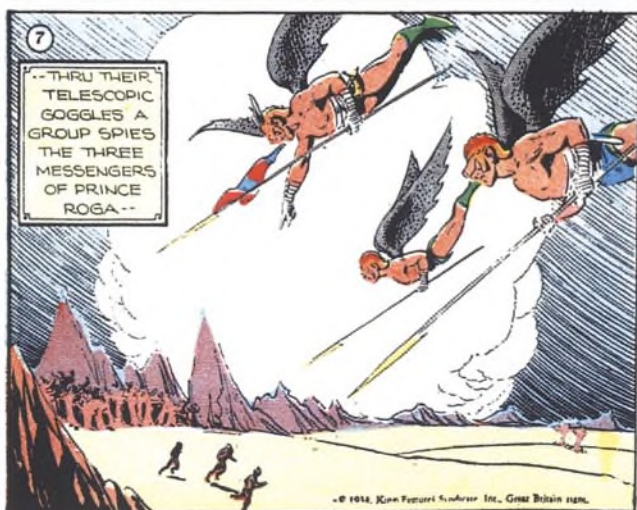


⑤ FLASH GORDON HAS INSULTED ME---HE AND HIS FRIENDS MUST BE CAPTURED IMMEDIATELY!--- I WANT FLASH ALIVE SO THAT I CAN WATCH HIM SQUIRM UNDER THE HANDS OF THE TORTURERS---NO MAN SPURNS MY LOVE AND LIVES!

YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND, PRINCESS!



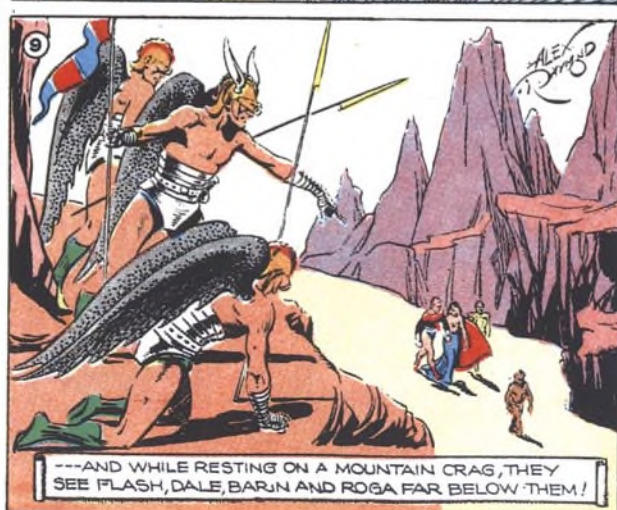
---AND SO AT VULTAN'S ORDER A SQUADRON OF TROOPS FLIES FORTH AND SEPARATES INTO GROUPS OF THREE---



⑦ --THRU THEIR TELESCOPIC GOGGLES A GROUP SPIES THE THREE MESSENGERS OF PRINCE ROGA--

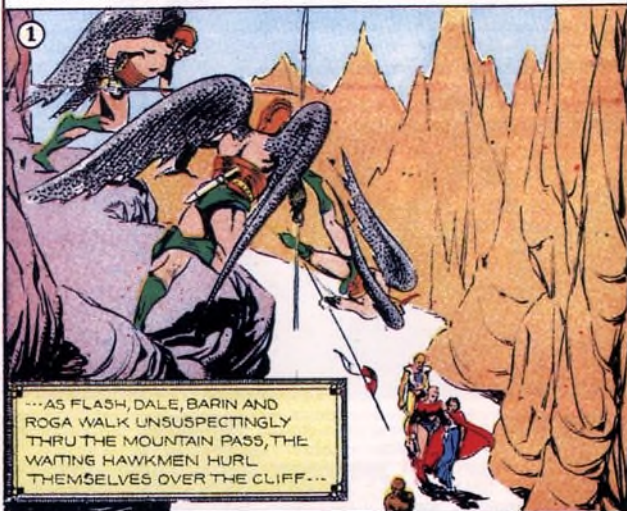


⑧ ---BEFORE THE LUCKLESS DWARFS CAN COLLECT THEIR WITS THEY ARE RELENTLESSLY CUT DOWN BY THE SAVAGE BIRDMEN---



⑨ ---AND WHILE RESTING ON A MOUNTAIN CRAG, THEY SEE FLASH, DALE, BARIN AND ROGA FAR BELOW THEM!

HAVING BEEN SPURNED BY FLASH GORDON IN HER OFFER TO MARRY HIM, PRINCESS AURA FLIES TO THE CITY OF HAWKMEN AND DEMANDS OF KING VULTAN THE CAPTURE OF FLASH, DALE AND BARIN... MEANWHILE, ROGA, DWARF PRINCE, OFFERS TO LEAD THEM TO HIS CITY AND SAFETY... BUT THREE HAWKMEN WAIT IN AMBUSH.....



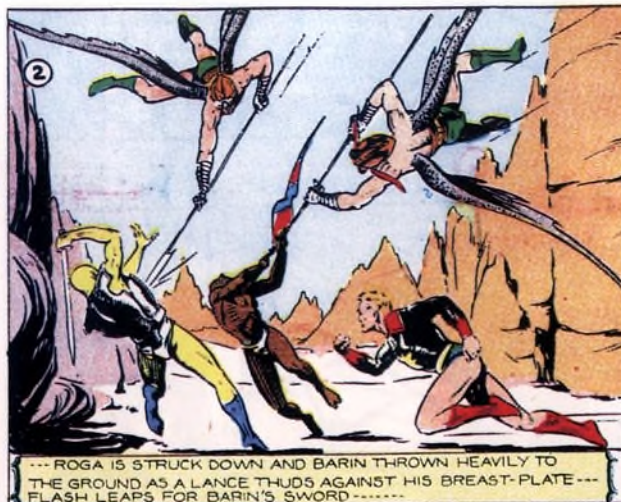
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...AS FLASH, DALE, BARIN AND ROGA WALK UNSUSPECTINGLY THRU THE MOUNTAIN PASS, THE WAITING HAWKMEN HURL THEMSELVES OVER THE CLIFF...



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THE LEADER CIRCLES HIGH OVER THE SPOT WHERE FLASH, DALE AND BARIN ARE HELD PRISONERS AND CALLS THE SCATTERED UNITS OF HIS SQUADRON TOGETHER.....



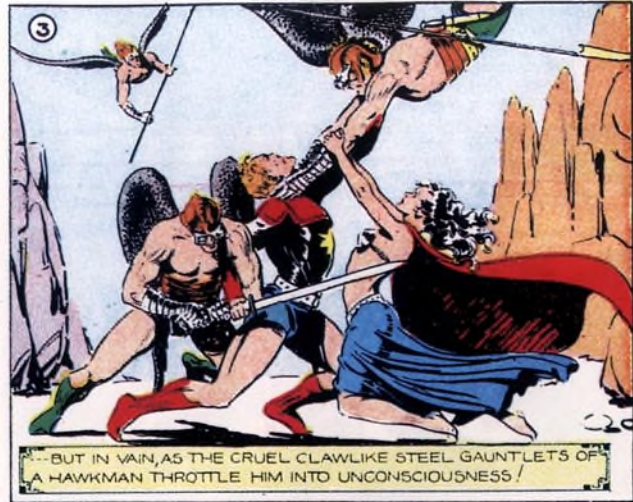
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NEVER FEAR MY PRETTY ONE---YOU CAN HAVE HIM BACK AFTER MY TORTURERS GET THRU WITH HIM---HA--HAW--HAW--HAW!---
NO, PLEASE---I BEG YOU ---KILL ME ---TORTURE ME ---BUT SPARE HIM!



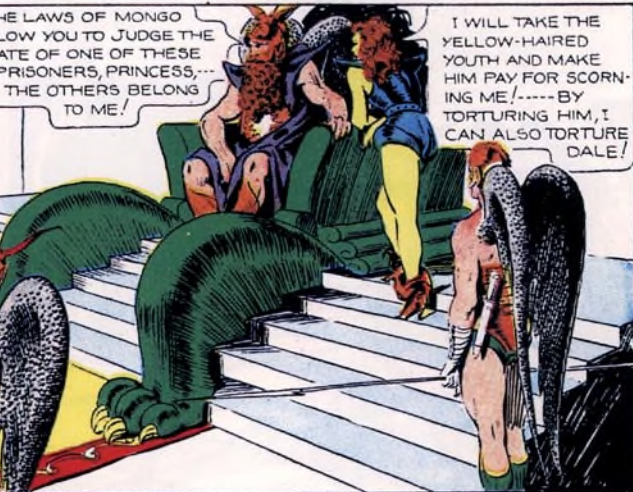
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---ROGA IS STRUCK DOWN AND BARIN THROWN HEAVILY TO THE GROUND AS A LANCE THUDS AGAINST HIS BREAST-PLATE--- FLASH LEAPS FOR BARIN'S SWORD-----



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-----AND SO THEY ARE DRAGGED BEFORE THE THRONE OF MIGHTY VULTAN!

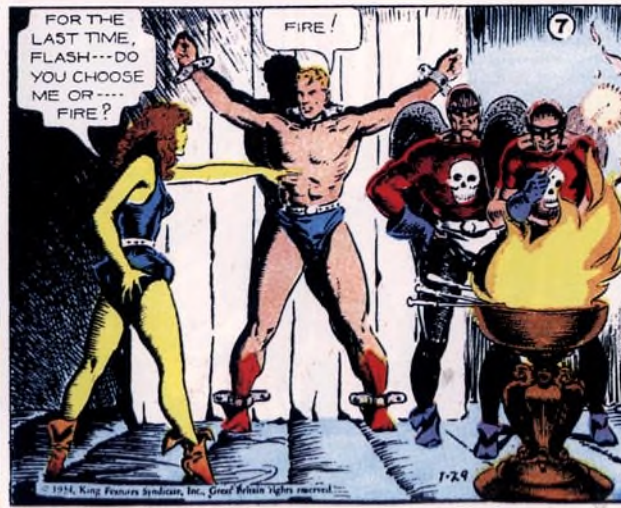


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---BUT IN VAIN, AS THE CRUEL CLAWLIKE STEEL GAUNTLETS OF A HAWKMAN THROTTLE HIM INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS!



7
THE LAWS OF MONGO ALLOW YOU TO JUDGE THE FATE OF ONE OF THESE PRISONERS, PRINCESS--- THE OTHERS BELONG TO ME!

8
I WILL TAKE THE YELLOW-HAIRED YOUTH AND MAKE HIM PAY FOR SCORNING ME!-----BY TORTURING HIM, I CAN ALSO TORTURE DALE!



8
FOR THE LAST TIME, FLASH---DO YOU CHOOSE ME OR--- FIRE?



9
VERY WELL, GIVE THE STUBBORN FOOL FIRE!--- GIVE IT TO HIM 'TIL HE CRAWLS AT MY FEET!

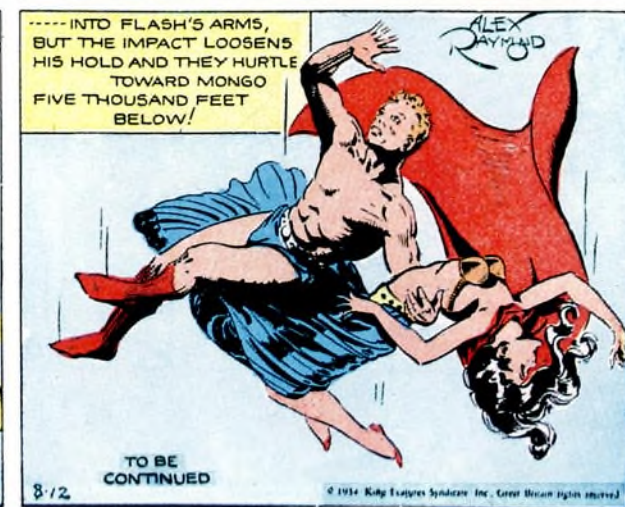
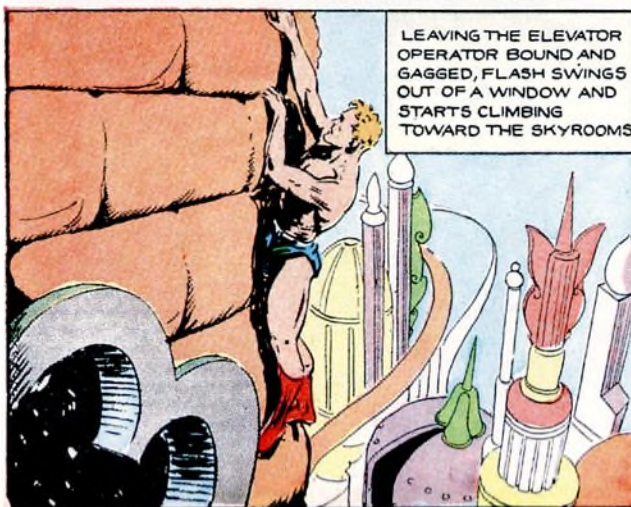
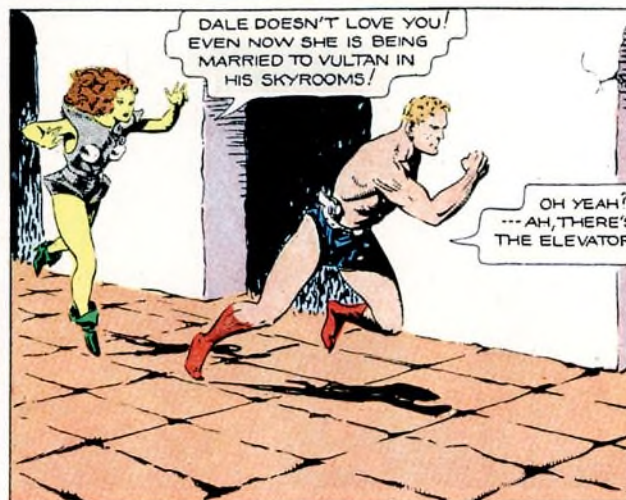
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CAPTURED FINALLY BY THE HAWKMEN, FLASH, DALE AND BARIN ARE DRAGGED BEFORE VULTAN, MIGHTY KING OF HAWKMEN, FOR JUDGMENT... HE GRANTS PRINCESS AURA THE RIGHT OF DECIDING THE FATE OF ONE OF THE PRISONERS... SHE SELECTS FLASH, KNOWING THAT BY TORTURING HIM FOR SPURNING HER LOVE, SHE CAN ALSO TORTURE DALE.....



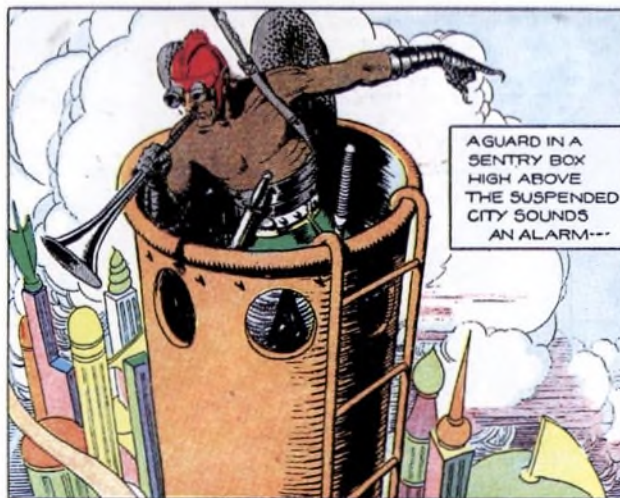
REFUSING TO BELIEVE DALE WHEN SHE SAYS SHE LOVES HIM, NOT FLASH, KING VULTAN BRINGS HER TO VIEW FLASH IN HIS TORTURE CELL --- HEROICALLY ACTING HER PART, SHE LAUGHS AT FLASH --- SATISFIED THAT DALE LOVES HIM, NOT FLASH, VULTAN BRINGS HER TO HIS SKYROOMS HAREM WHERE SHE IS TO BE MADE HIS WIFE --- BUT THE JEALOUS WIVES OF VULTAN SEIZE DALE AND DRAG HER TO AN OPEN DOOR TO BE HURLED TO HER DOOM-----



CAPTURED AT LAST BY THE HAWKMEN, FLASH IS PLACED IN A TORTURE CHAMBER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PRINCESS AURA---DALE IS PLACED IN THE SKYROOM HAREM OF KING VULTAN---FLASH ESCAPES FROM HIS TORTURERS AND STARTS CLIMBING UP THE SHEER WALL OF A BUILDING TO RESCUE DALE ---JEALOUS OF DALE, THE VIVES OF VULTAN HURL HER FROM THEIR SKYROOMS---FLASH CATCHES HER FALLING BODY-----



-----AND LOCKED IN EACH OTHERS ARMS THEY HURTLE TO THEIR DOOM-----



A GUARD IN A SENTRY BOX HIGH ABOVE THE SUSPENDED CITY SOUNDS AN ALARM---



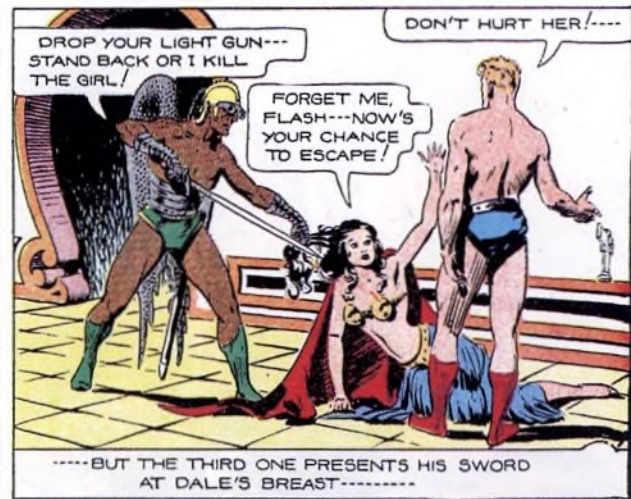
---AND THREE GUARDSMEN DIVE AFTER THE FALLING PRISONERS-----



-----THEY ARE SNATCHED FROM CERTAIN DEATH AND CARRIED BACK INTO THE GREAT PALACE OF VULTAN---



--- BEFORE THE SURPRISED SOLDIERS CAN COLLECT THEIR WITS, FLASH KNOCKS TWO OF THEM COLD-----

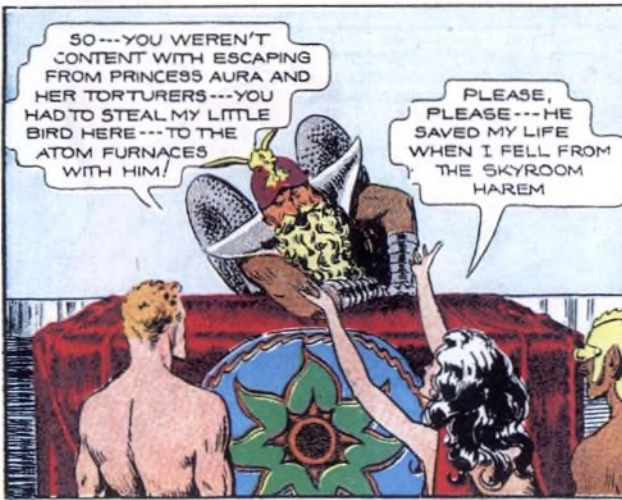


DROP YOUR LIGHT GUN--- STAND BACK OR I KILL THE GIRL!

DON'T HURT HER!----

FORGET ME, FLASH---NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!

-----BUT THE THIRD ONE PRESENTS HIS SWORD AT DALE'S BREAST-----



SO---YOU WEREN'T CONTENT WITH ESCAPING FROM PRINCESS AURA AND HER TORTURERS---YOU HAD TO STEAL MY LITTLE BIRD HERE---TO THE ATOM FURNACES WITH HIM!

PLEASE, PLEASE---HE SAVED MY LIFE WHEN I FELL FROM THE SKYROOM HAREM



THESE, MY LITTLE BIRD, ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS REPRESENTING EVERY RACE ON MONGO---IF A SLAVE DROPS FROM EXHAUSTION HE IS LASHED TO HIS FEET---IF HE FAILS TO ARISE, HE IS FED TO THE FLAMES!

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BEFORE THE HORRIFIED DALE AND THE MOCKING VULTAN FLASH IS LASHED TO HIS PLACE AMONG THE TORTURED SLAVES OF THE ATOM FURNACES!

AMONG HIS FELLOW SLAVES IN THE ELECTRIC ATOM FURNACES OF THE HAWKMEN, FLASH GORDON FINDS THE EARTH SCIENTIST, DR. ZARKOV, PRINCE BARIN OF MONGO AND PRINCE THUN OF THE LIONMEN---KING VULTAN AND DALE ARDEN, FLASH'S SWEETHEART, WATCH THEM FROM ABOVE-----

WELCOME TO HADES, FLASH!

BY TAO, I NEVER HOPED TO SEE YOU AGAIN, COMRADE!

A FASCINATING PLACE, FLASH---INCREDIBLE SCIENCE-----LOOK, HEAPS OF PURE RADIUM!

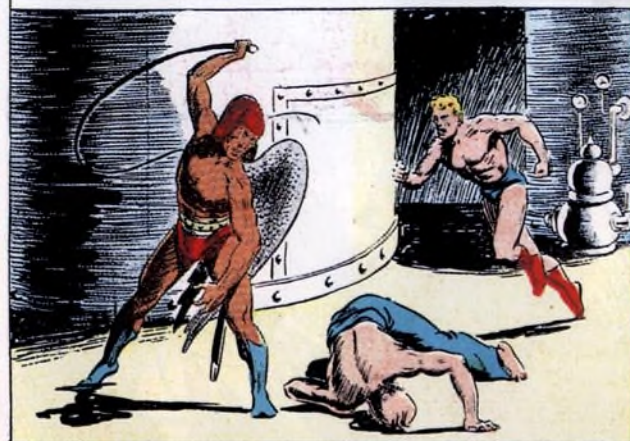


HERE IS THE SECRET OF HOW THE HAWKMEN SUPPORT THEIR CITY FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE GROUND! THEY BURN RADIUM IN THESE ATOM FURNACES TO MAKE GREAT BEAMS OF POLARIZED ANTI-GRAVITY LIGHT! SOLIDIFIED LIGHT RAYS---HUGE STILTS ON WHICH---

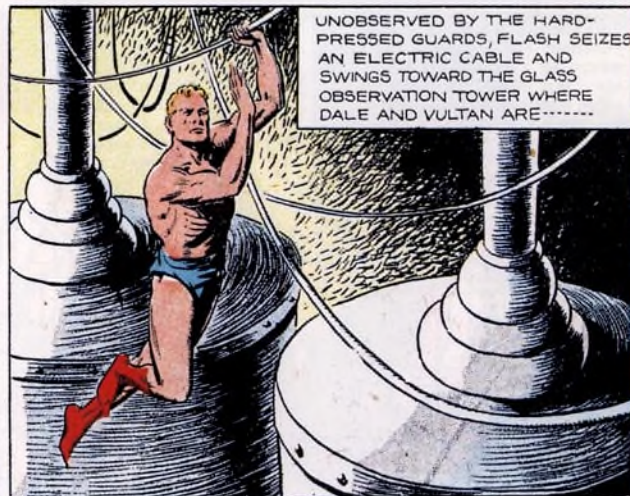
LOOK OUT--- HERE COMES A GUARD!



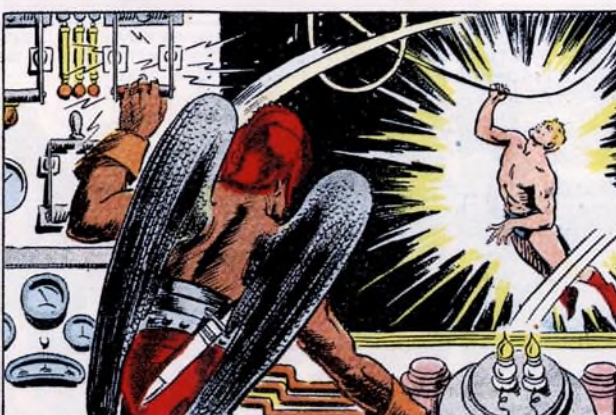
AS DR. ZARKOV WRITHES UNDER THE GUARD'S CRUEL LASH, FLASH, IN A FRENZY OF FURY, LEAPS TO HIS AID---



---AS FLASH DROPS THE GUARD WITH A CRUSHING BLOW THE OTHER SLAVES, LED BY THUN, TURN ON THE GUARDS---IN A SECOND THE PLACE IS A HOWLING INFERNO!



UNOBSERVED BY THE HARD-PRESSED GUARDS, FLASH SEIZES AN ELECTRIC CABLE AND SWINGS TOWARD THE GLASS OBSERVATION TOWER WHERE DALE AND VULTAN ARE-----



AS HE NEARS THE TOWER HE IS DISCOVERED! A GUARD THROWS A SWITCH---FLASH WRITHES IN AGONY AS A HIGH-FREQUENCY CURRENT SURGES THROUGH HIS BODY

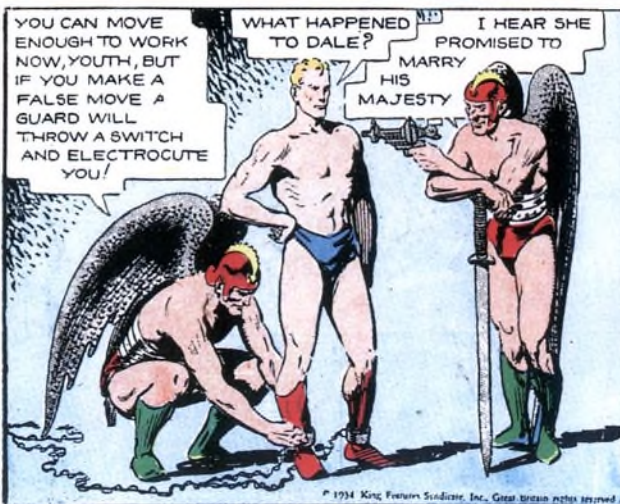
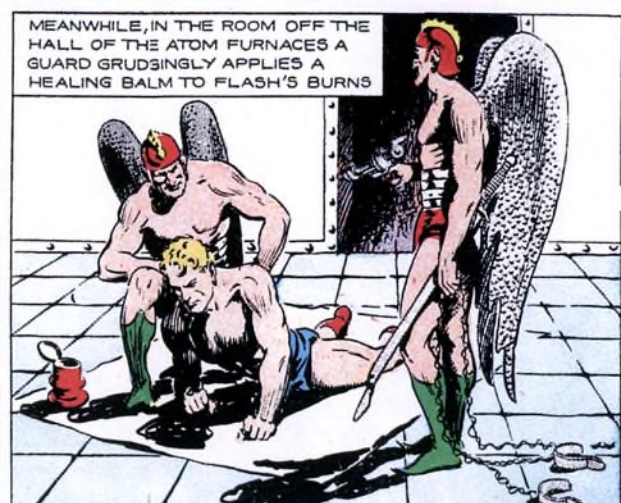
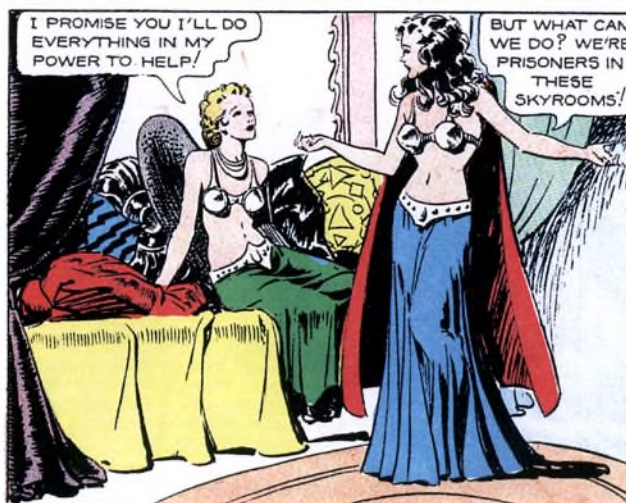
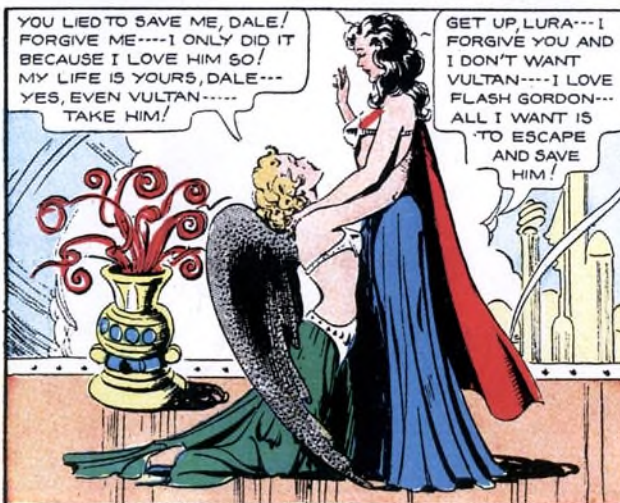
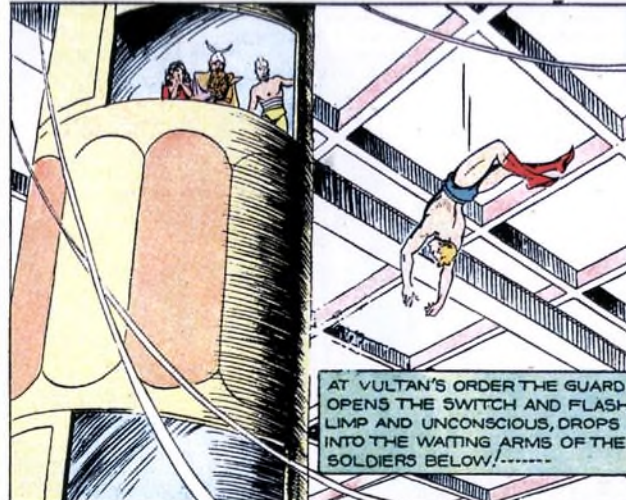


HA! IN A FEW SECONDS YOUR MUTINOUS FRIEND WILL BE BURNED TO A CRISP!

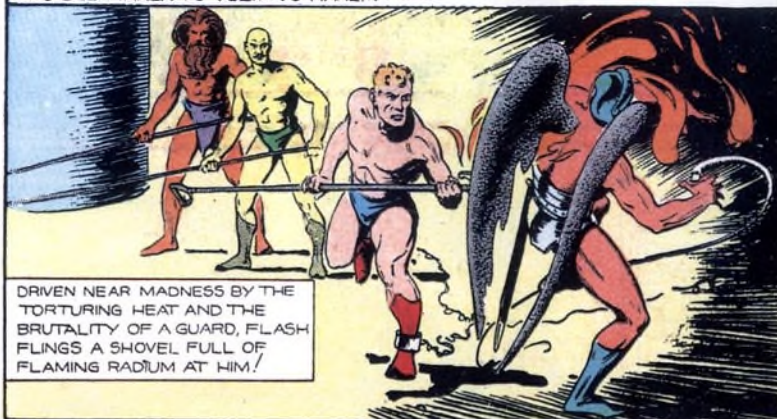
NO, NO! LET HIM LIVE---I BEG YOU--- I'LL MARRY YOU NOW---RIGHT AWAY---BUT SPARE HIM!

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FLASH GORDON, TRYING TO RESCUE DALE ARDEN FROM KING VULTAN OF THE HAWKMEN---ONE OF THE RULERS OF MONGO---IS TRAPPED ON AN ELECTRIC CABLE IN THE HALL OF ATOM FURNACES---DALE PROMISES TO MARRY VULTAN IF HE'LL TURN THE CURRENT WHICH IS SWIFTLY KILLING FLASH-----



ENSLAVED IN THE ATOM FURNACES OF THE HAWKMEN, FLASH FACES THE ADDED THREAT OF ELECTRIC WIRES FASTENED TO HIS LEGS, READY TO ELECTROCUTE HIM AT THE FIRST SIGN OF REBELLION...WHILE HIS SWEETHEART, DALE ARDEN HAS BEEN TAKEN TO VULTAN'S HAREM.....



DRIVEN NEAR MADNESS BY THE TORTURING HEAT AND THE BRUTALITY OF A GUARD, FLASH FLINGS A SHOVEL FULL OF FLAMING RADIUM AT HIM!

THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD REACHES FOR THE SWITCH TO ELECTROCUTE FLASH BY THROWING THE CURRENT INTO HIS LEG IRONS!



BUT DR. ZARKOV RUSHES UP AND FLINGS HIMSELF ON THE CAPTAIN.....



DON'T KILL HIM! HE IS BUT AN IMPETUOUS YOUTH, CAPTAIN! VULTAN ORDERED HIM SPARED UNLESS HE STARTED A MUTINY..... WE'LL MAKE HIM WORK!

THANKS, DOC, BUT I'D JUST AS SOON DIE...DALE'S LOST TO ME AND....

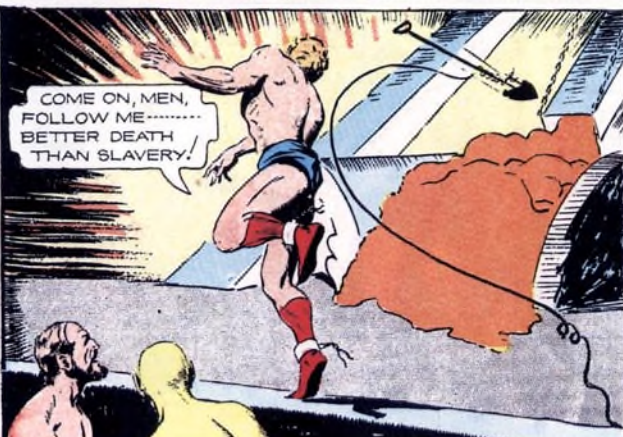
PATIENCE, FLASH, ZARKOV AND I HAVE A PLAN...WAIT 'TIL WE'RE RELIEVED!



RELIEVED BY A FRESH SHIFT, THE EXHAUSTED SLAVES DROP BEHIND A LEAD WALL..... A SHIELD AGAINST THE KILLING RADIUM RAYS...

DR. ZARKOV CUTS THE WIRES FROM FLASH'S MANACLES. STRIPS BACK THE INSULATION FROM THE ENDS OF THE WIRE AND WRAPS IT AROUND FLASH'S SHOVEL.....

COME ON, MEN, FOLLOW ME..... BETTER DEATH THAN SLAVERY!



LEAPING ATOP THE PARAPET, FLASH HURLS HIS SHOVEL INTO A NEARBY RADIUM BIN.....

MUTINY! ALL RIGHT, EARTH-MAN...DIE LIKE A RAT!



THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD SLAMS THE SWITCH SHUT.....



IT WORKED! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO ESCAPE!

THERE IS A BLINDING EXPLOSION AS THE CURRENT THAT SHOULD HAVE KILLED FLASH IGNITES THE RADIUM ORE!

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WHILE FLASH GORDON IS TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM KING VULTAN'S ATOM FURNACES, PRINCESS AURA, DAUGHTER OF MING--EMPEROR OF THE PLANET MONGO-- IS SO FURIOUS AT THE WAY FLASH REPULSED HER ADVANCES THAT SHE IS TAKING IT OUT ON HER AVIATOR, CAPTAIN LIN-CHU-----

YOU BLUNDERER! IF YOU HADN'T LET FLASH RESCUE DALE ARDEN FROM YOUR PRISON SHIP HE'D HAVE FORGOTTEN HER NOW!

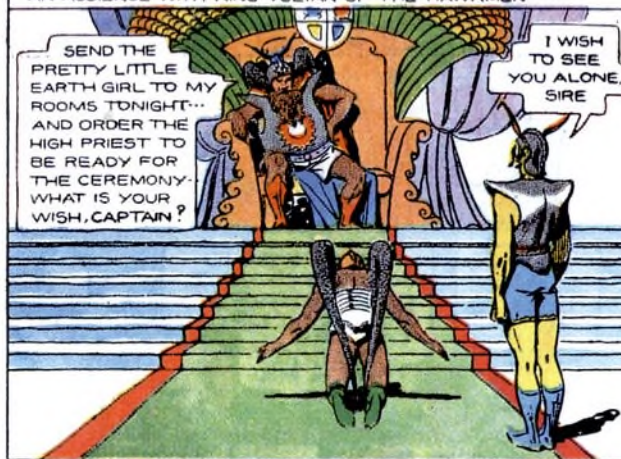
NO DOUBT, YOUR MAJESTY!



CAPTAIN LIN-CHU, HUNGRY FOR REVENGE AND POWER, SEEKS AN AUDIENCE WITH KING VULTAN OF THE HAWKMEN-----

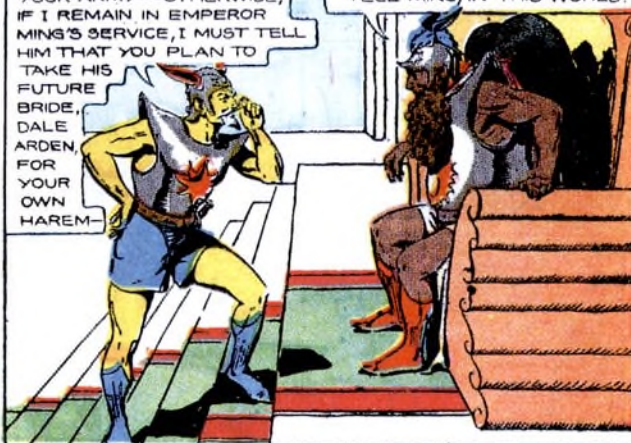
SEND THE PRETTY LITTLE EARTH GIRL TO MY ROOMS TONIGHT-- AND ORDER THE HIGH PRIEST TO BE READY FOR THE CEREMONY-- WHAT IS YOUR WISH, CAPTAIN?

I WISH TO SEE YOU ALONE, SIRE



YOUR MAJESTY, I DESIRE TO BECOME THE GENERAL OF YOUR ARMY-- OTHERWISE, IF I REMAIN IN EMPEROR MING'S SERVICE, I MUST TELL HIM THAT YOU PLAN TO TAKE HIS FUTURE BRIDE, DALE ARDEN, FOR YOUR OWN HAREM--

HO, HAW, HAW! YOU'LL NOT BE GENERAL, NOR WILL YOU TELL MING, IN THIS WORLD!



IN WILD FURY LIN-CHU SPRINGS AT VULTAN WITH UPRAISED DAGGER THE MIGHTY KING'S STEELY FINGERS SINK INTO THE CAPTAIN'S THROAT-----



TOSS THIS FOOL INTO THE ATOM FURNACES-- LET HIM DO HIS RAVING TO THE FIRES!

NO! NO!



LIN-CHU HAS JUST COMMITTED SUICIDE BY THREATENING TO TELL YOUR FATHER THAT I AM ABOUT TO MARRY DALE-- IF I WERE YOU I WOULDN'T TRY IT EITHER--

SIRE, FLASH GORDON HAS BLOWN UP THE RADIUM SUPPLY AND ESCAPED!

YOU DARE TO THREATEN ME?

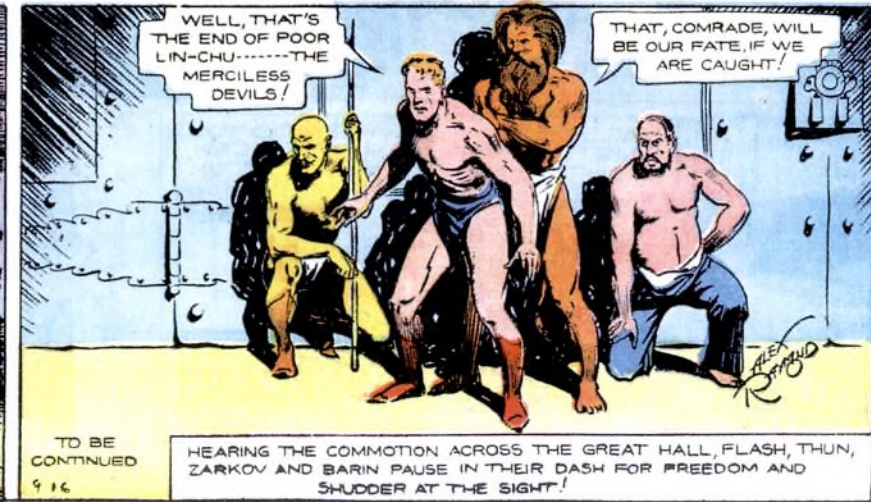


MEANWHILE, LIN-CHU IS DRAGGED BEFORE A HUGE FURNACE AND FLUNG, SCREAMING, INTO IT'S FLAMING MAW!



WELL, THAT'S THE END OF POOR LIN-CHU-- THE MERCILESS DEVILS!

THAT, COMRADE, WILL BE OUR FATE, IF WE ARE CAUGHT!



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HEARING THE COMMOTION ACROSS THE GREAT HALL, FLASH, THUN, ZARKOV AND BARIN PAUSE IN THEIR DASH FOR FREEDOM AND SHUDDER AT THE SIGHT!

FLASH GORDON, PRISONER OF THE HAWKMEN ON THE PLANET MONGO, MADE A BID FOR FREEDOM BY BLOWING UP THE RADIUM ORE IN THE ATOM FURNACES----- IN THE CONFUSION, HE AND HIS COMRADES, PRINCE BARIN, THUN AND DR. ZARKOV ARE TRYING TO ESCAPE-----

NO, FLASH, I'LL STAY HERE AND EXPERIMENT WITH THE RADIUM ORE AND, PERHAPS, BRING VULTAN TO TERMS-----

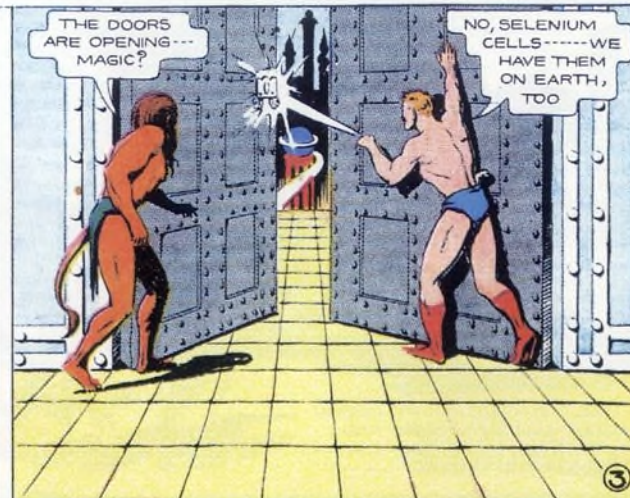
DALE'S IN DANGER----- I MUST GO!

WHERE FLASH GOES, BY TAO, I GO!

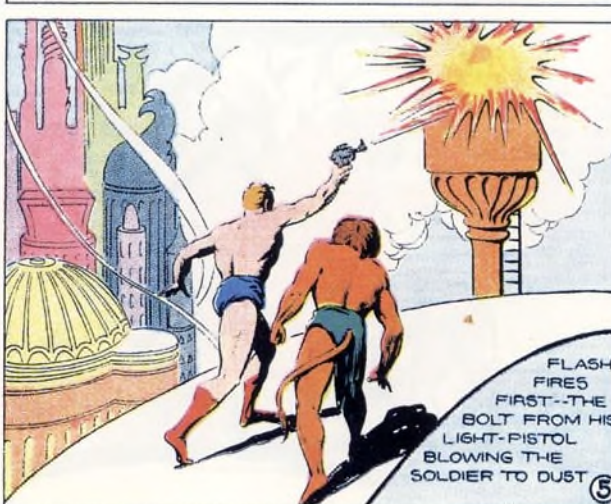
I'M WITH YOU, ZARKOV!



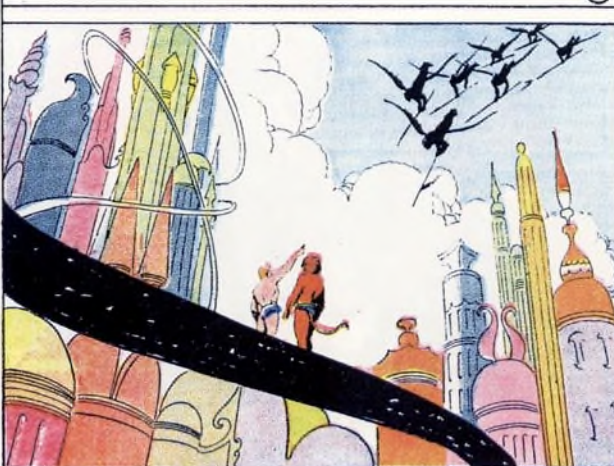
IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE GREAT HALL OF ATOM FURNACES, FLASH AND THUN SUBDUED THE SENTRIES AND TAKE THEIR WEAPONS-----



AS THEY EMERGE FROM THE BUILDING A GUARD SOUNDS AN ALARM AND TRAINS A QUICK-FIRING ATOM-GUN ON THEM



FLASH FIRES FIRST--THE BOLT FROM HIS LIGHT-PISTOL BLOWING THE SOLDIER TO DUST

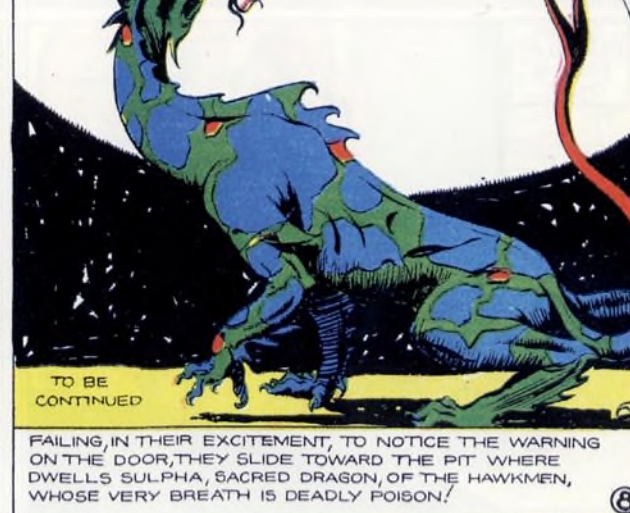


BUT TOO LATE---A PATROL OF LANCERS, ANSWERING THE ALARM, SWOOPS FOR THE KILL-----



QUICK, THUN, THIS DOORWAY!

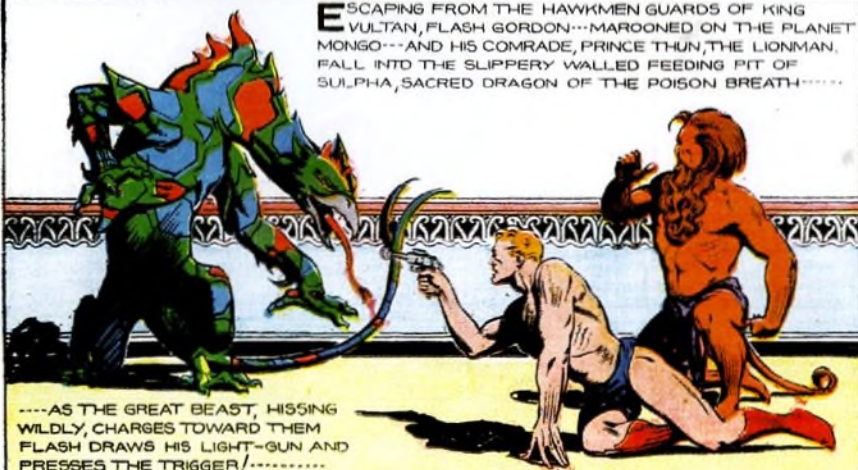
ANGER DRAGON PIT FEEDING CHUTE



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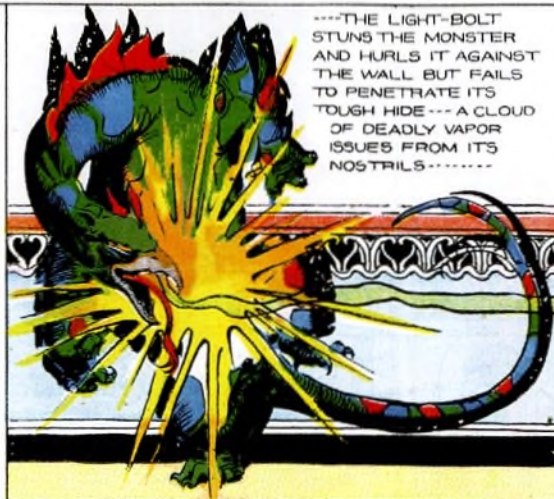
FAILING, IN THEIR EXCITEMENT, TO NOTICE THE WARNING ON THE DOOR, THEY SLIDE TOWARD THE PIT WHERE DWELLS SULPHA, SACRED DRAGON, OF THE HAWKMEN, WHOSE VERY BREATH IS DEADLY POISON!

ESCAPING FROM THE HAWKMEN GUARDS OF KING VULTAN, FLASH GORDON...MAROONED ON THE PLANET MONGO...AND HIS COMRADE, PRINCE THUN, THE LIONMAN, FALL INTO THE SLIPPERY WALLED FEEDING PIT OF SULPHA, SACRED DRAGON OF THE POISON BREATH.....



....AS THE GREAT BEAST, HISSING WILDLY, CHARGES TOWARD THEM FLASH DRAWS HIS LIGHT-GUN AND PRESSES THE TRIGGER/.....

....THE LIGHT-BOLT STUNS THE MONSTER AND HURLS IT AGAINST THE WALL BUT FAILS TO PENETRATE ITS TOUGH HIDE...A CLOUD OF DEADLY VAPOR ISSUES FROM ITS NOSTRILS.....



ENVELOPING THUN, WHO, COUGHING AND GASPING, SLUMPS TO THE FLOOR.....



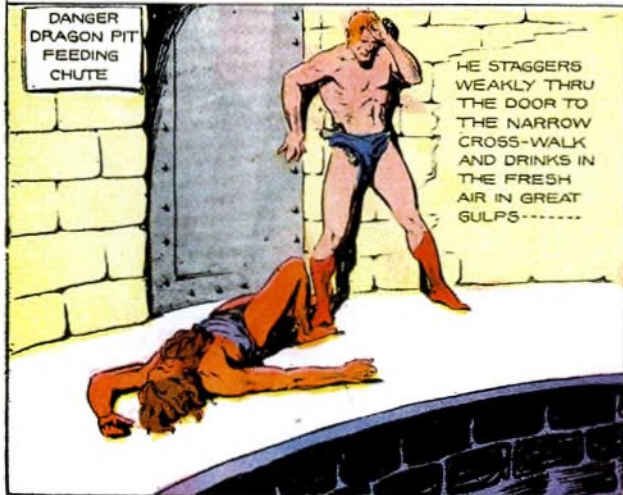
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE DRAGON'S STUNNED CONDITION FLASH HOSTS THE GIANT LIONMAN TO HIS SHOULDER AND DASHES TOWARD THE GLASSY-SMOOTH WALL OF THE PIT.....

.....AND FIRES A BOLT AT ITS BASE! THE WALL COLLAPSES WITH A RESOUNDING CRASH.....



....GIVING HIM A FOOTHOLD... WITH A MIGHTY EFFORT OF WILL HE FIGHTS OFF UNCONSCIOUSNESS FROM THE POISONOUS FUMES AND REACHES THE TOP OF THE PIT/.....

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HE STAGGERS WEAKLY THRU THE DOOR TO THE NARROW CROSS-WALK AND DRINKS IN THE FRESH AIR IN GREAT GULPS.....

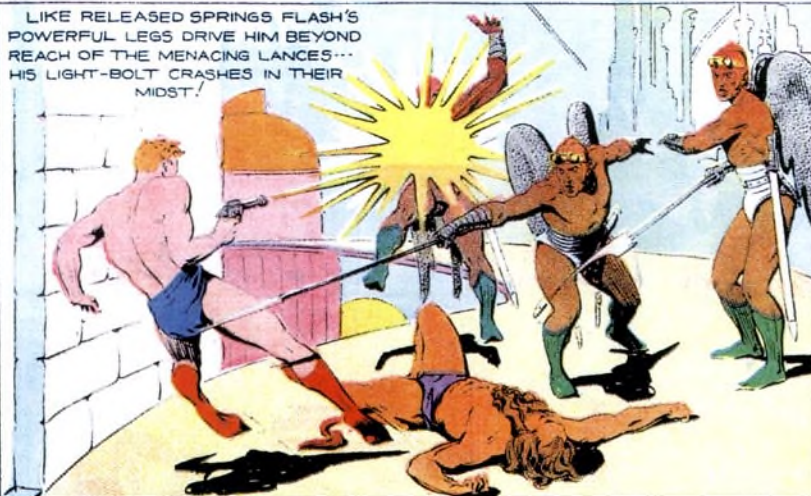
WHILE TRYING TO REVIVE THE STRICKEN LIONMAN HE HEARS A SOFT STEP...WHIRLING AROUND, HE FACES A RING OF LANCES SURMOUNTED BY THE CRUEL LEERING FACES OF THREE HAWKMEN!



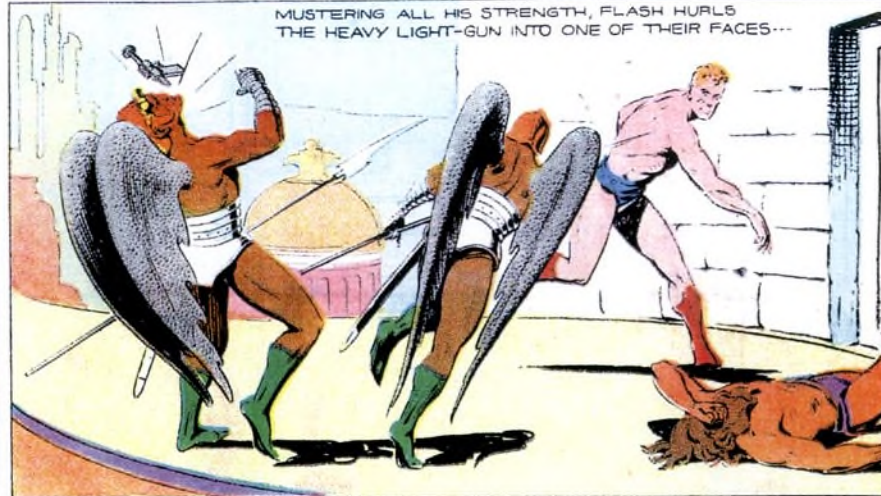
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FLASH GORDON, AN EARTH-MAN, CAST AWAY WITH DALE ARDEN ON THE PLANET MONGO, AND PRINCE THUN, THE LION-MAN, HAVE JUST ESCAPED FROM THE PIT OF SULPHA, SACRED DRAGON OF THE HAWKMEN... AS THEY EMERGE, THEY ARE ATTACKED BY THREE OF KING VULTAN'S HAWKMEN.....

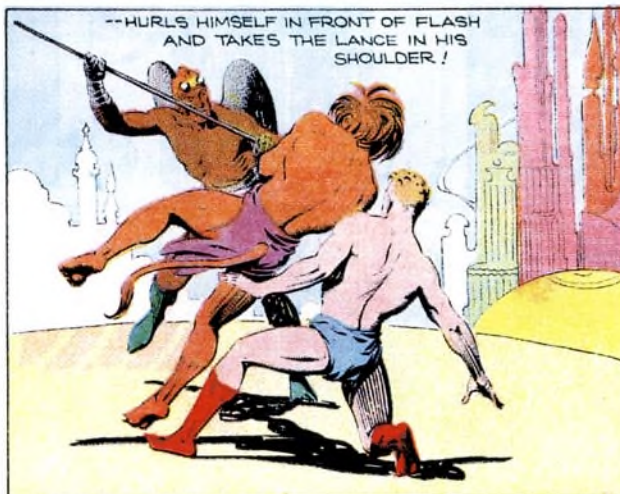
LIKE RELEASED SPRINGS FLASH'S POWERFUL LEGS DRIVE HIM BEYOND REACH OF THE MENACING LANCES... HIS LIGHT-BOLT CRASHES IN THEIR MIDST!



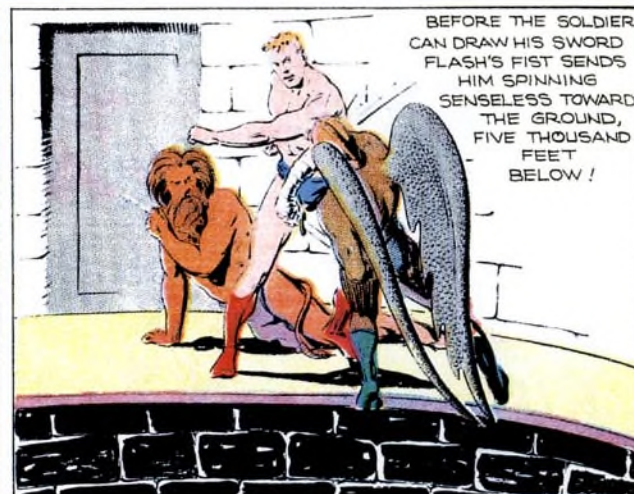
MUSTERING ALL HIS STRENGTH, FLASH HURLS THE HEAVY LIGHT-GUN INTO ONE OF THEIR FACES...



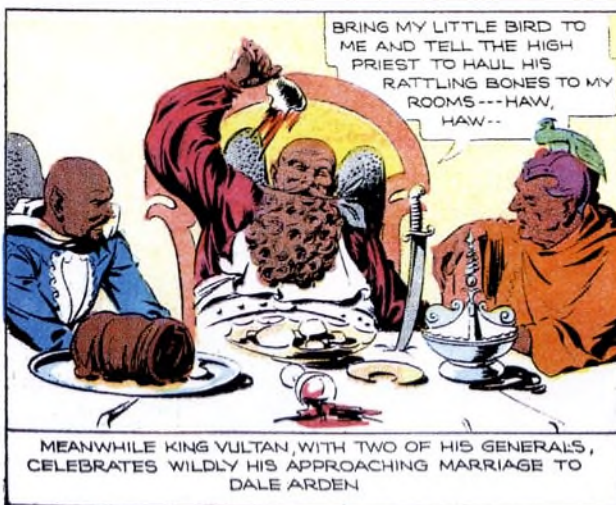
BUT THE EFFORT THROWS HIM OFF BALANCE----THE THIRD SOLDIER RAISES HIS SPEAR, BUT THUN, RECOVERED FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE POISON VAPOR OF THE DRAGON PIT-----



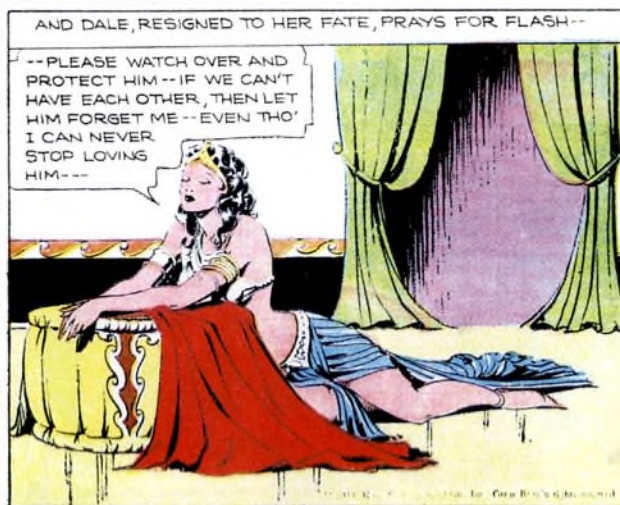
--HURLS HIMSELF IN FRONT OF FLASH AND TAKES THE LANCE IN HIS SHOULDER!



BEFORE THE SOLDIER CAN DRAW HIS SWORD FLASH'S FIST SENDS HIM SPINNING SENSELESS TOWARD THE GROUND, FIVE THOUSAND FEET BELOW!



MEANWHILE KING VULTAN, WITH TWO OF HIS GENERALS, CELEBRATES WILDLY HIS APPROACHING MARRIAGE TO DALE ARDEN



AND DALE, RESIGNED TO HER FATE, PRAYS FOR FLASH--

--PLEASE WATCH OVER AND PROTECT HIM--IF WE CAN'T HAVE EACH OTHER, THEN LET HIM FORGET ME--EVEN THO' I CAN NEVER STOP LOVING HIM--



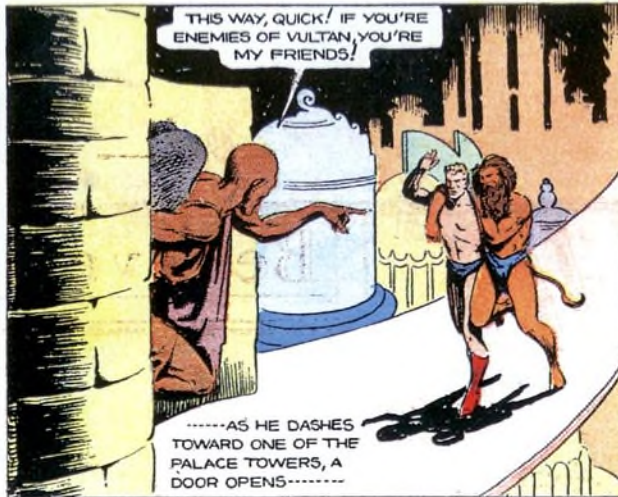
AND SO, AT KING VULTAN'S COMMAND, A GIANT OFFICER OF HIS GUARD ESCORTS DALE TO THE BRIDAL CHAMBERS, WHERE THE HIGH PRIEST AWAITS TO PERFORM THE CEREMONY!

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IN THE CITY OF THE HAWKMEN ON THE PLANET MONGO, FLASH GORDON IS TRYING TO SAVE HIS COMRADE, PRINCE THUN OF THE LIONMEN, WHO HAS JUST TAKEN A SPEAR THRUST MEANT FOR FLASH-----



-----HUNTED BY SHARP-EYED HAWKMEN---WEARY FROM BEARING THE WOUNDED THUN OVER MILES OF DIZZY CATWALKS, FLASH FINALLY SIGHTS KING VULTAN'S PALACE-----



THIS WAY, QUICK! IF YOU'RE ENEMIES OF VULTAN, YOU'RE MY FRIENDS!

-----AS HE DASHES TOWARD ONE OF THE PALACE TOWERS, A DOOR OPENS-----



YOU ARE SAFE HERE---I, HANAK, BUILT THIS TOWER AND I, ALONE KNOW ITS SECRETS---VULTAN BROKE ME ON THE TORTURE WHEEL, BUT I NEVER TOLD---SOMEDAY I'LL GET MY REVENGE!

IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN RESCUE A GIRL FROM HIS SKYROOMS?

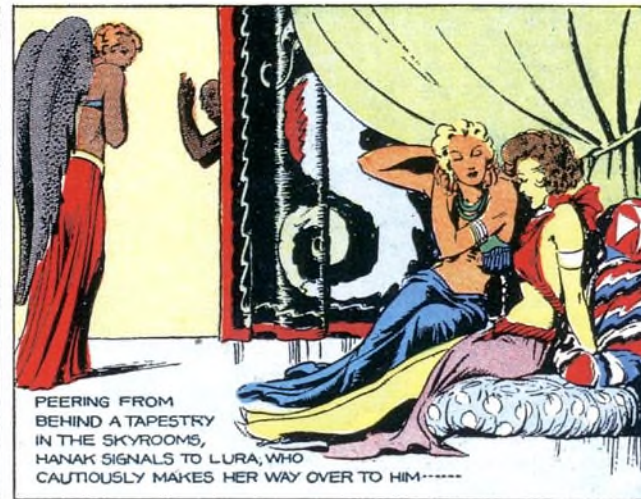


COME-----UP THIS SECRET PASSAGE IN THE WALLS-----

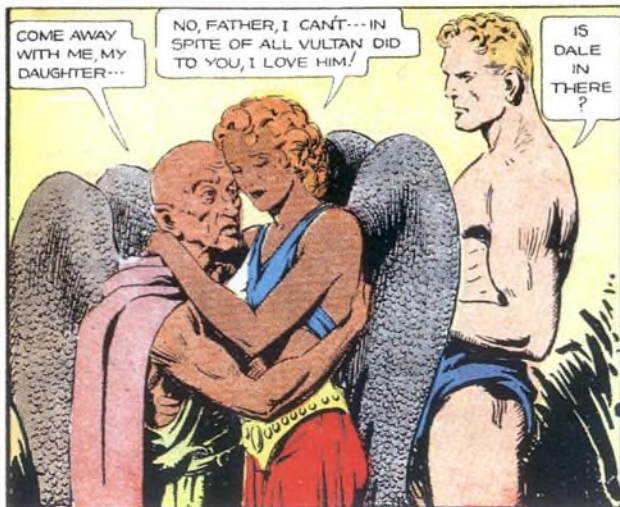


I WAS ONCE AS TALL AND STRONG AS YOU, YOUNG MAN---VULTAN BROKE MY BODY AND HEALTH, HE STOLE MY DAUGHTER LURA-----

YOUR CHANCE WILL COME, HANAK---HURRY, DALE MAY BE IN DANGER RIGHT NOW!



PEERING FROM BEHIND A TAPESTRY IN THE SKYROOMS, HANAK SIGNALS TO LURA, WHO CAUTIOUSLY MAKES HER WAY OVER TO HIM-----



COME AWAY WITH ME, MY DAUGHTER---

NO, FATHER, I CAN'T---IN SPITE OF ALL VULTAN DID TO YOU, I LOVE HIM!

IS DALE IN THERE?



ARE YOU FLASH GORDON? POOR BOY, YOUR DALE IS FOREVER LOST TO YOU---VULTAN TOOK HER WITH HIM THIS EVENING FOR THE MARRIAGE RITES!

WHERE? QUICK!

HUSH---THE GUARDS WILL HEAR US!



I OVERHEARD THEM BEHIND THE TAPESTRY, CAPTAIN---FLASH GORDON, LURA AND ANOTHER MAN-----

HA! GOOD! WE'VE GOT HIM AT LAST--- I'LL HAVE EVERY EXIT GUARDED!

ONE OF VULTAN'S WIVES, JEALOUS OF LURA'S POSITION AS KING VULTAN'S FAVORITE, MAKES A BID FOR THE KING'S FAVOR!

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FLASH GORDON HAS FOUND HANAK, A VICTIM OF KING VULTAN'S CRUELTY, SO EAGER FOR REVENGE THAT HE SHOWS FLASH A SECRET PASSAGE TO THE HAREM SKYROOMS, SO THAT HE MAY RESCUE DALE ARDEN...BUT LURA, HANAK'S DAUGHTER, TELLS THEM THAT DALE IS IN VULTAN'S QUARTERS FOR THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY.....THEY ARE OVERHEARD BY ANOTHER WIFE, WHO, JEALOUS OF LURA (VULTAN'S FAVORITE) BETRAYS THEM TO A GUARD.....

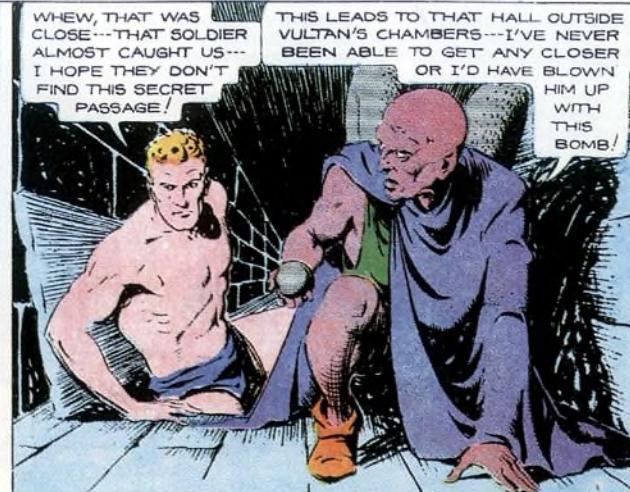
I KNOW THE EARTHLING WAS HIDING BEHIND THIS TAPESTRY! WHERE IS HE NOW? TELL ME OR I WILL TELL THE KING ALL!



I DON'T KNOW... BUT I DO KNOW THAT VULTAN WOULD TAKE MY WORD BEFORE YOURS!

WHEW, THAT WAS CLOSE...THAT SOLDIER ALMOST CAUGHT US... I HOPE THEY DON'T FIND THIS SECRET PASSAGE!

THIS LEADS TO THAT HALL OUTSIDE VULTAN'S CHAMBERS...I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY CLOSER HIM UP WITH THIS BOMB!



EMERGING FROM A PANEL IN THE BACK OF A PILLAR, FLASH SEES THREE GUARDS AT VULTAN'S DOOR, ACROSS THE HALL---HE TAKES THE BOMB FROM HANAK-----



-----AND HURLS IT TO THE FAR END OF THE HALL---THE GUARDS RUSH TO INVESTIGATE THE EXPLOSION, LEAVING VULTAN'S DOOR UNGUARDED!



MEANTIME IN VULTAN'S CHAMBERS

COME, LITTLE BIRD, A KISS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST ARRIVES!

AWAY FROM ME, YOU FAT FOOL!



IN A VIOLENT RAGE, KING VULTAN STRIKES DALE ACROSS THE FACE---SHE CRUMPLES TO THE FLOOR-----



-----AT THAT INSTANT FLASH LEAPS INTO THE ROOM AND, WITH A YELL OF FURY, DRIVES HIS FIST TO VULTAN'S JAW-----



-----THE MIGHTY KING STAGGERS BACK AND, BELLOWING LIKE A MAD BULL, SINKS HIS STEEL-SINUED FINGERS INTO FLASH'S THROAT----- HIS LEFT HAND REACHES FOR HIS DAGGER!

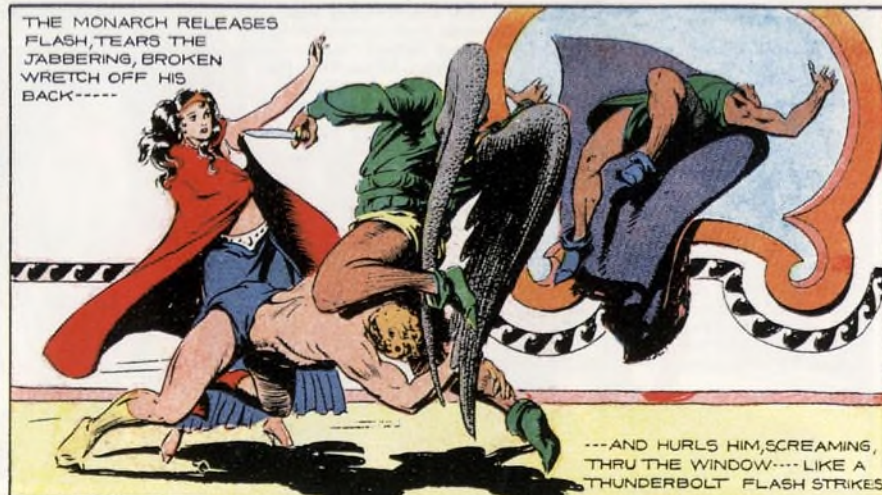
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HANAK OF THE HAWKMEN, MADLY REVENGEFUL TOWARD KING VULTAN, HAS LED FLASH GORDON TO THE KING'S OWN ROOMS WHERE FLASH KNOWS DALE ARDEN IS A PRISONER-----WHEN FLASH SEES VULTAN STRIKE DALE HE GOES BERSERK-----

-----AS MIGHTY VULTAN RAISES HIS DAGGER, HANAK, MOUTHING HIS HATRED, FLINGS HIMSELF ON THE KING'S BACK!



THE MONARCH RELEASES FLASH, TEARS THE JABBERING, BROKEN WRETCH OFF HIS BACK-----



---AND HURLS HIM, SCREAMING, THRU THE WINDOW---LIKE A THUNDERBOLT FLASH STRIKES

A SMASHING LEFT AND A CRUSHING RIGHT-HAND UPPERCUT THAT WOULD HAVE KILLED AN ORDINARY MAN, KNOCKS VULTAN INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS



OH, MY DARLING--- I FEEL SO SAFE IN YOUR ARMS--- THEY'RE SO STRONG, YET SO TENDER----

THESE ARMS WERE MEANT TO HOLD AND PROTECT YOU AND, BY HEAVEN, THEY WILL, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE LIFE!



FLASH! I HEAR SHOUTS---THE SOLDIERS ARE COMING!

PULL THOSE TAPESTRIES DOWN AND WE'LL SLASH THEM INTO STRIPS--- HURRY, WHILE I BOLT THE DOOR!



A HOWLING PACK OF SOLDIERS, THIRSTING FOR THE EARTHMAN'S

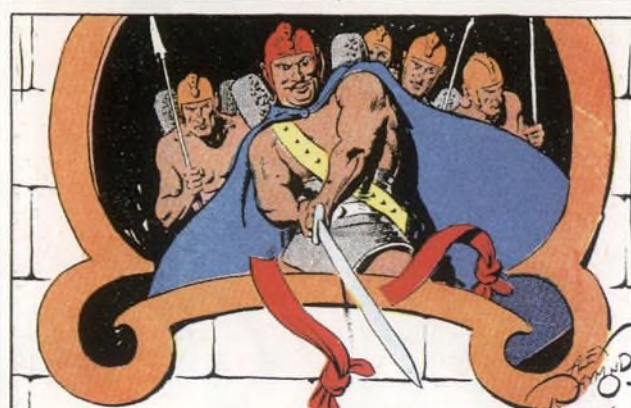
BLOOD, RUSHES DOWN THE CORRIDOR TOWARD THE DOOR TO VULTAN'S CHAMBERS-----

-----AS FLASH AND DALE SLOWLY MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THE PALACE-----



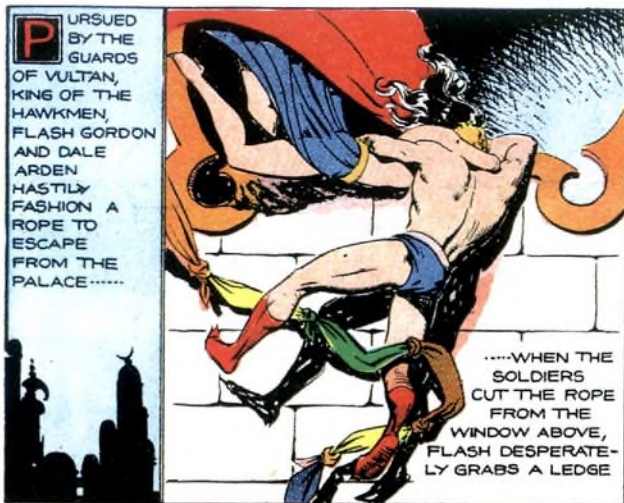
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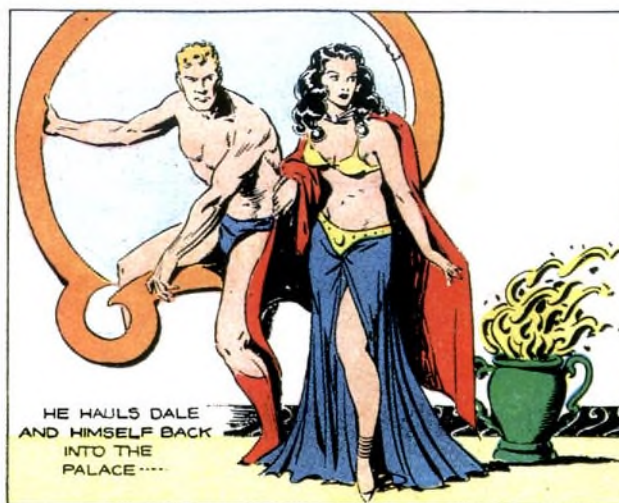


---THE SOLDIERS BLAST OPEN THE DOOR TO THE KING'S CHAMBERS WITH THEIR LIGHT GUNS---SEEING THE TELL-TALE ROPE ON THE WINDOW LEDGE, THE LEADER SLASHES IT ASUNDER!

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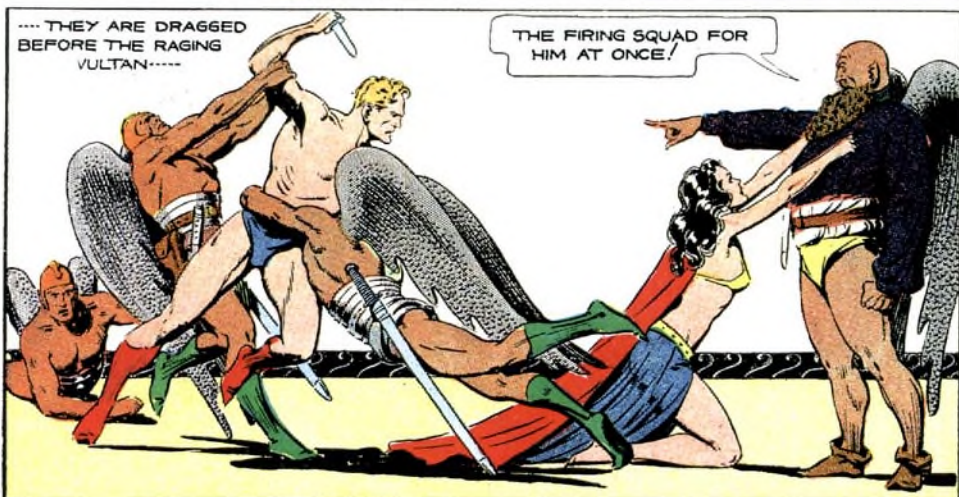
.....WHEN THE SOLDIERS CUT THE ROPE FROM THE WINDOW ABOVE, FLASH DESPERATELY GRABS A LEDGE



HE HAULS DALE AND HIMSELF BACK INTO THE PALACE.....

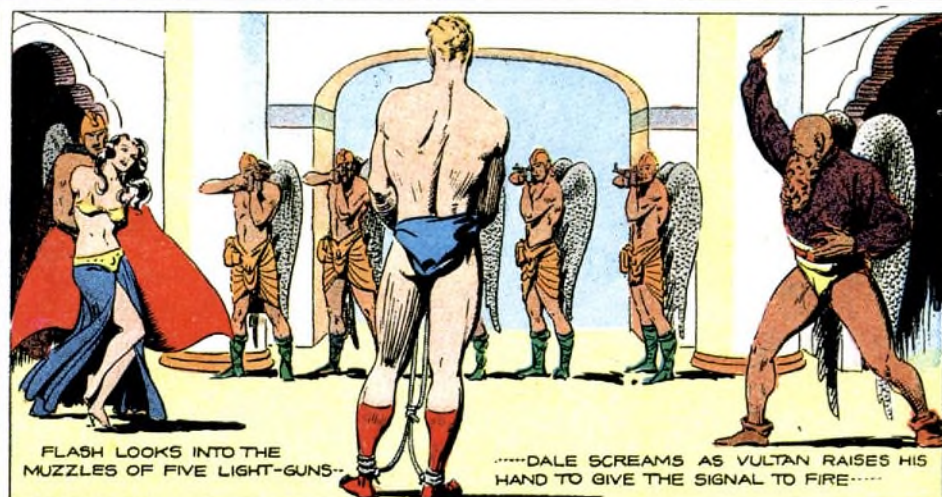


WHILE STEALING BACK TOWARD HANAK'S SECRET PASSAGE, THEY ARE TRAPPED BY WAITING GUARDS.....



.....THEY ARE DRAGGED BEFORE THE RAGING VULTAN.....

THE FIRING SQUAD FOR HIM AT ONCE!



FLASH LOOKS INTO THE MUZZLES OF FIVE LIGHT-GUNS..

.....DALE SCREAMS AS VULTAN RAISES HIS HAND TO GIVE THE SIGNAL TO FIRE.....



.....SUDDENLY, THERE IS A MIGHTY RUMBLING SOUND...THE FLOOR LURCHES AND SWAYS.....

.....THE LIGHTS GO OUT...SCREAMS AND GROANS FILL THE AIR.....



.....AND THE CITY OF HAWKMEN TILTS DANGEROUSLY AS THE SUPPORTING LIGHT-BEAMS ON ONE SIDE GROW WEAKER AND WEAKER!

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE CITY PERILOUSLY PERCHED FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE GROUND ?

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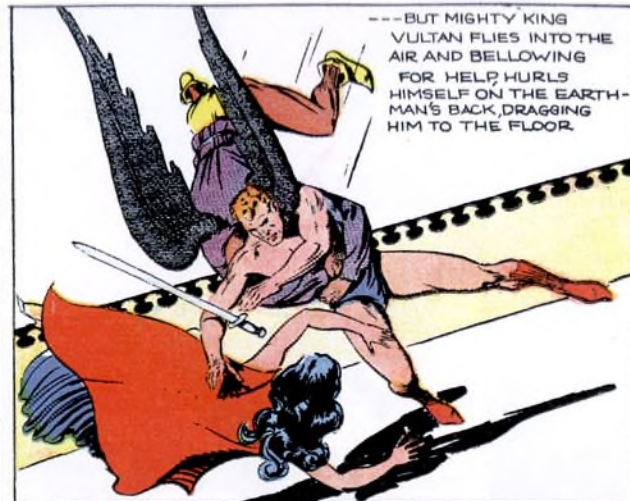
AS KING VULTAN OF THE HAWKMEN PREPARES TO EXECUTE FLASH GORDON, HIS ENTIRE CITY, SUPPORTED FIVE THOUSAND FEET ABOVE GROUND BY LIGHT BEAMS, BEGINS TO TILT DANGEROUSLY SIDWAYS



AS THE LIGHT BEAMS SLOWLY FADE THE CITY LEANS MORE AND MORE TOWARD DESTRUCTION

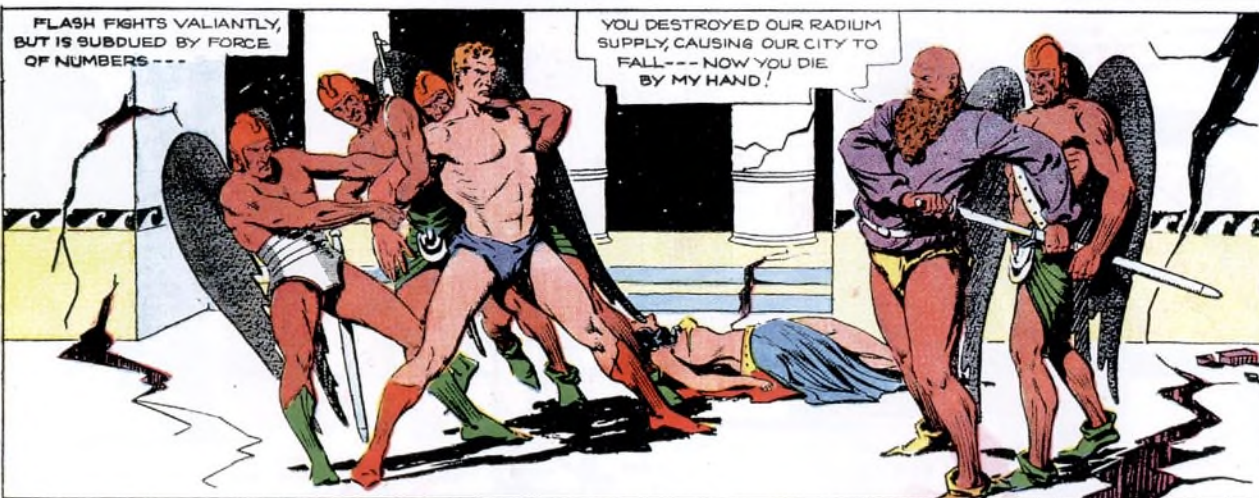


IN THE CRUMBLING PALACE OF VULTAN, AMID THE SHOUTS OF THE DISORGANIZED GUARDS, FLASH AND DALE BREAK AWAY--



---BUT MIGHTY KING VULTAN FLIES INTO THE AIR AND BELLING FOR HELP HURLS HIMSELF ON THE EARTH-MAN'S BACK, DRAGGING HIM TO THE FLOOR

FLASH FIGHTS VALIANTLY, BUT IS SUBDUED BY FORCE OF NUMBERS ---



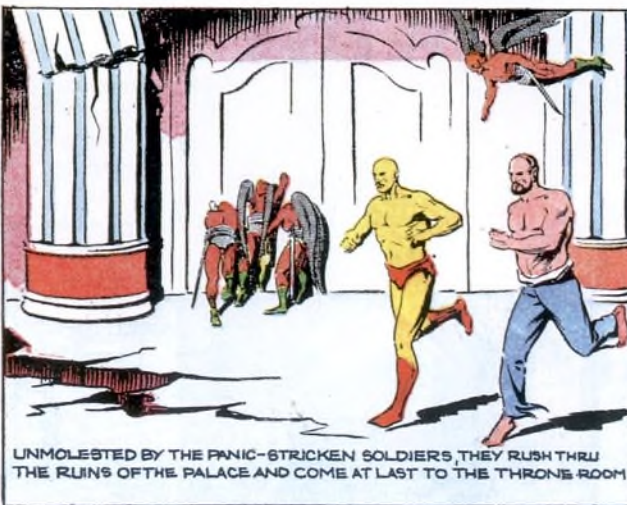
YOU DESTROYED OUR RADIUM SUPPLY, CAUSING OUR CITY TO FALL--- NOW YOU DIE BY MY HAND!



OUR SCHEME WORKED, BARIN-- NOW TO DRIVE OUR BARGAIN WITH VULTAN, IF WE ARE NOT TOO LATE!

WITH THE LIGHT BEAMS DIFFUSING AT THE PRESENT RATE THE CITY WILL REMAIN IN MIDAIR FOR A HALF-HOUR ONLY

MEANWHILE, DR. ZARKOV AND PRINCE BARIN DASH TOWARD VULTAN'S PALACE

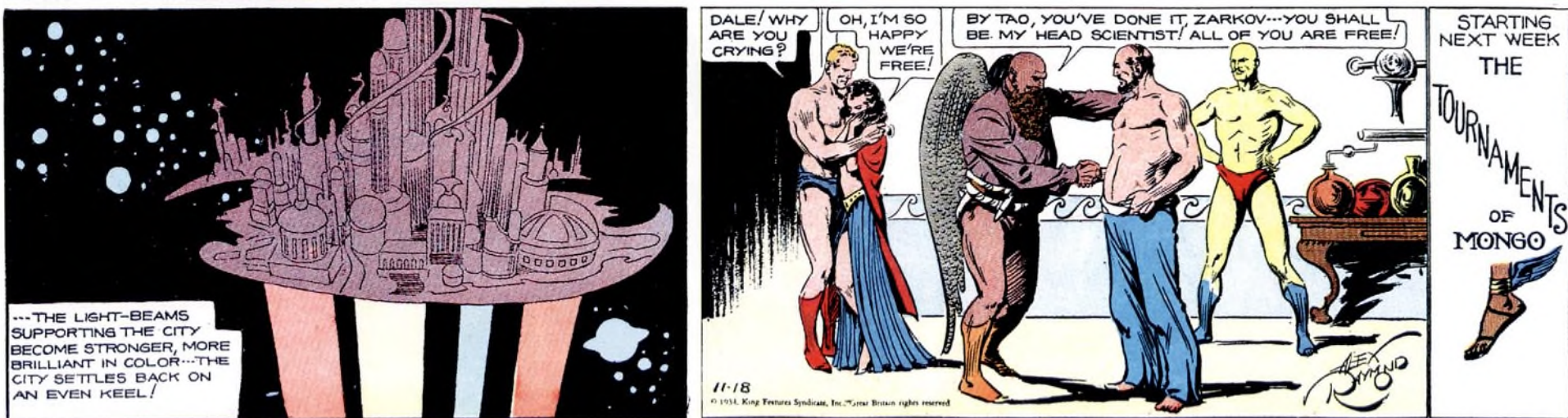
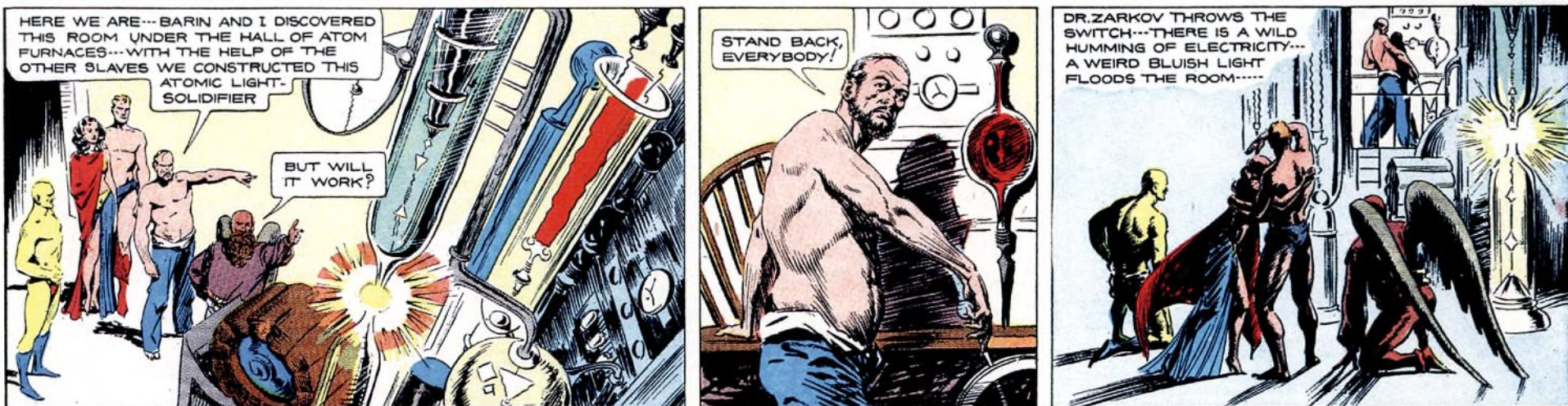


UNMOLESTED BY THE PANIC-STRICKEN SOLDIERS, THEY RUSH THRU THE RUINS OF THE PALACE AND COME AT LAST TO THE THRONE ROOM



STOP! I CAN SAVE YOUR CITY--BUT IF YOU TOUCH FLASH I'LL DOOM THE CITY AND ALL OF YOU TO DESTRUCTION!

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DR. ZARKOV, SAVING THE CITY OF HAWKMEN FROM FALLING, WINS VULTAN'S FRIENDSHIP FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FRIENDS, INCLUDING FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN

....I HEREBY MAKE THEE PRINCE ZARKOV OF THE HAWKMEN AND SUPREME LORD OF ALL SCIENTISTS!



FLASH AND DALE...IN PROOF OF OUR FUTURE FRIENDSHIP I SHALL GIVE YOU A ROYAL WEDDING!



YOUR MAJESTY, PRINCESS AURA HAS ESCAPED IN A FLYING CAR AND HEADED FOR THE EMPEROR'S CITY!

BY TAO, THAT MEANS TROUBLE!

...AND NO WEDDING FOR DALE AND ME



THAT NIGHT A ROYAL BANQUET IS HELD TO CELEBRATE THE WEDDING OF FLASH AND DALE SET FOR THE NEXT DAY...SUDDENLY, AN EXCITED GUARD RUSHES IN.....



.....ALREADY THE AIR FLEET OF MING, THE MERCILESS IS SOARING TOWARD THE CITY OF HAWKMEN!

WE'LL DIE FIGHTING...I NEVER DID LIKE THE COLOR OF MING'S SKIN, ANYWAY... HAW, HAW, HAW!

NO, VULTAN, LET DALE AND ME TAKE A ROCKET SHIP AND TAKE OUR CHANCES ON ESCAPING!

NO USE...THEY WERE DAMAGED WHEN THE CITY TILTED



SO, VULTAN? TURN OVER THIS EARTHLING TO MY TORTURERS...AND MY PROMISED WIFE, DALE, TO ME... I COMMAND IT!

NO, FATHER, YOU PROMISED FLASH TO ME AS MY SHARE OF THE SPOILS!

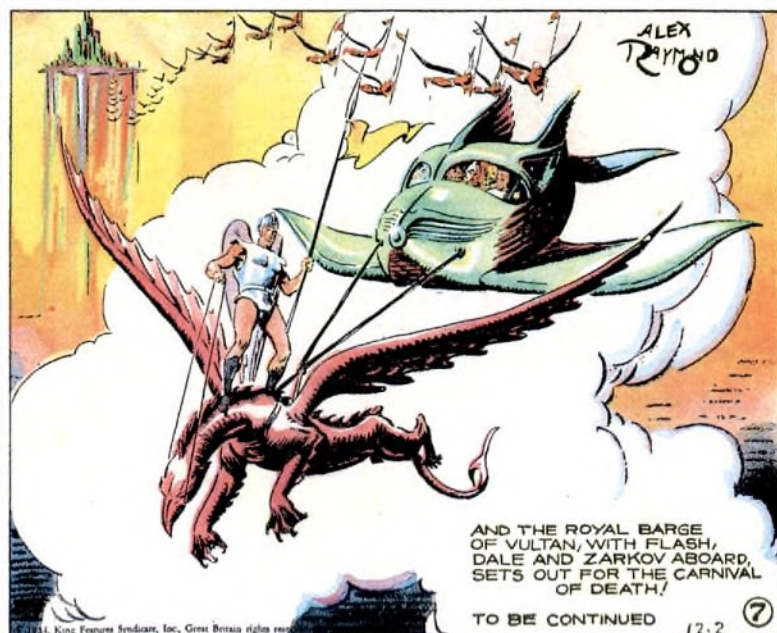
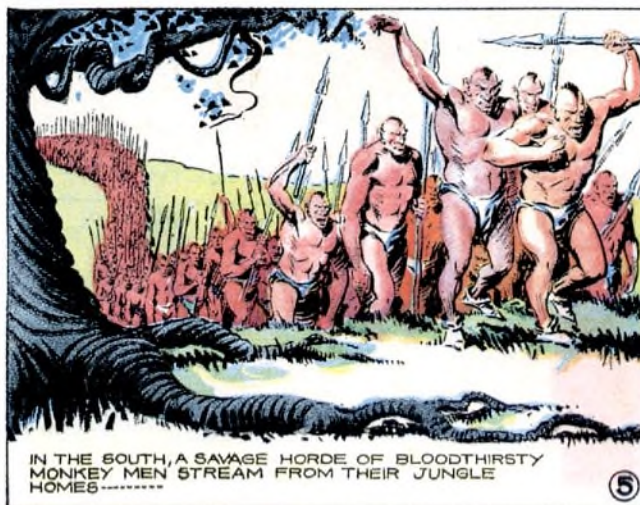
HOLD ON, MING!

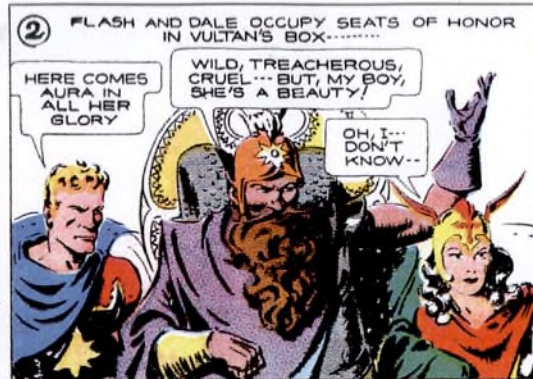
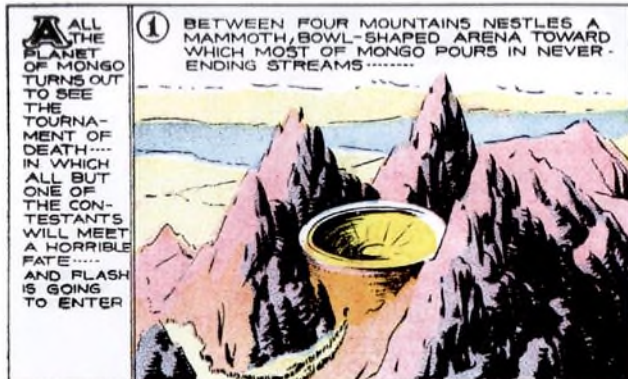


...BY THE ANCIENT LAWS OF MONGO...BY THE SACRED LAWS OF THE GREAT TAO, WHO IS ALL WISE... I CALL FOR A TOURNAMENT OF DEATH!

A TOURNAMENT? AND THIS FELLOW, FLASH, WOULD ENTER? FINE SPORT... ALL THE PLANET SHALL SEE HIM FAIL AND DIE! HA...THE FLAMING LANCES...THE SKY ROPE...THE DAGGER DANCE...SO BE IT!







A S EMPEROR MING TAKES HIS PLACE IN THE ROYAL BOX, WOLFANG, CHIEF-OF-STAFF AND WARLORD OF MONGO, STEPS TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA.....

THE FIRST EVENT--A BATTLE ROYAL--EACH MAN WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH! LET ALL WHO DARE TO DIE STEP FORTH--INTO THE ARENA, OH, LEGION OF THE DOOMED!



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WITH THIS SWORD I BECAME KING OF THE HAWKMEN..... TAKE IT AND JUSTIFY MY FAITH IN YOU!

I'LL DO MY BEST, VULTAN

OH, MY DARLING! PLEASE DON'T-- YOU'LL BE KILLED!



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BY TAO, I WILL ENTER AND WIN BACK MY KINGDOM--AND MING'S OWN DAUGHTER, PRINCESS AURA, FOR MY BRIDE!

DON'T BE A FOOL! PRINCE BARIN-- BETTER MEN THAN YOU HAVE FAILED!



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-----THE TRUMPETS SOUND THE CHARGE-----



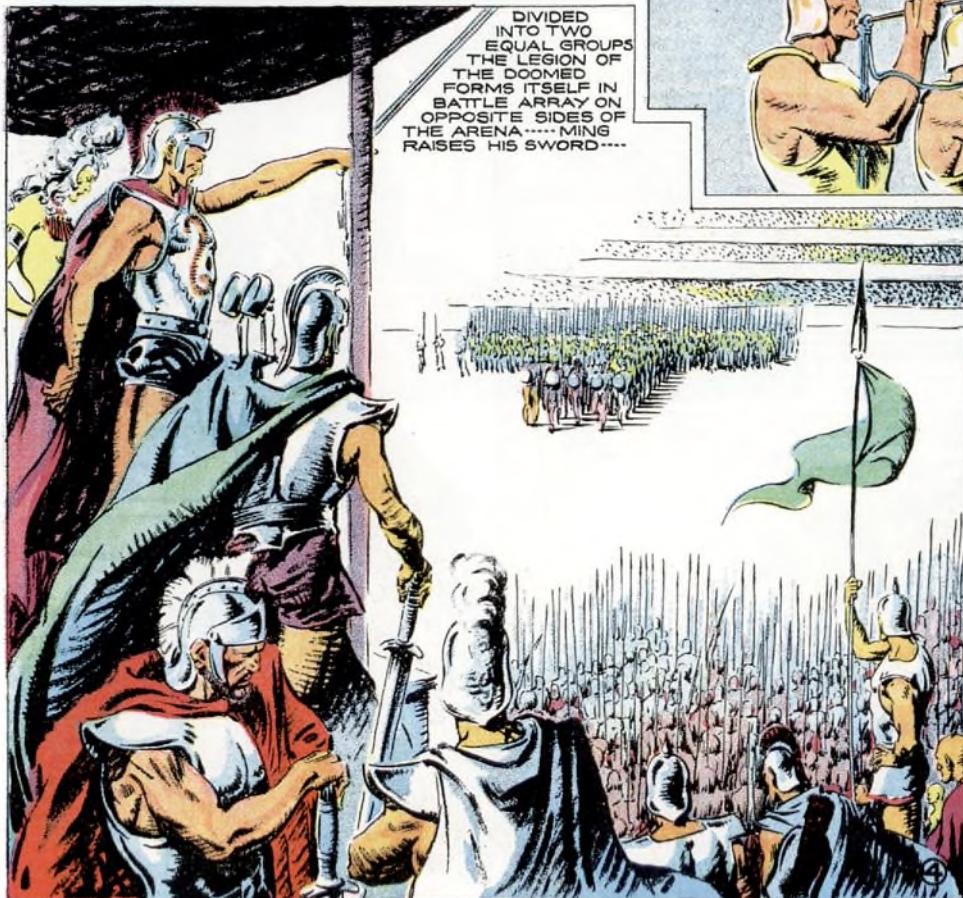
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-----AND WITH A CRASH THAT CAUSES THE VERY GROUND TO TREMBLE, THE MIGHTIEST WARRIORS OF MONGO MEET--TO THE DEATH!



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DIVIDED INTO TWO EQUAL GROUPS THE LEGION OF THE DOOMED FORMS ITSELF IN BATTLE ARRAY ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE ARENA--MING RAISES HIS SWORD--



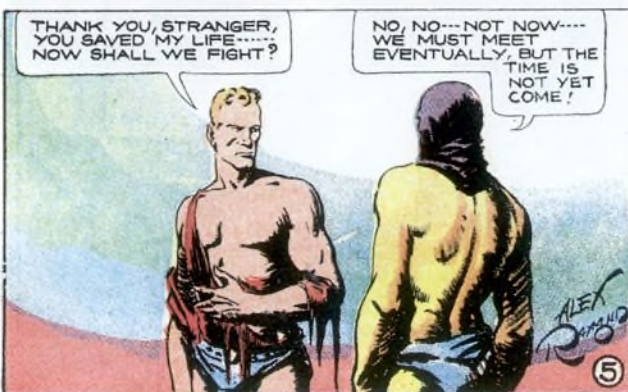
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A BATTLE ROYAL, WITH EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, OPENS THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH..... AS THE FIGHT RAGES AROUND HIM, FLASH MEETS THE CHARGE OF TWO GIANT YELLOW GUARDSMEN..... ①



BUT BEFORE THE GUARD CAN STRIKE AGAIN, PRINCE BARIN, WEARING A BLACK MASK, LEAPS TO HIS RESCUE..... ④



THANK YOU, STRANGER, YOU SAVED MY LIFE..... NOW SHALL WE FIGHT?

NO, NO---NOT NOW--- WE MUST MEET EVENTUALLY, BUT THE TIME IS NOT YET COME!



FLASH SWINGS HIS GREAT TWO-HANDED SWORD WITH TERRIFIC FORCE..... IT SLICES THRU THE ARMOR OF ONE SOLDIER, WHO DROPS, WRITHING, TO THE GROUND..... ②



THE SECOND SOLDIER LUNGES AT FLASH'S EXPOSED SIDE, INFLECTING A DEEP SLASH ACROSS HIS BODY..... FLASH LOSES HIS FOOTING AND DROPS TO ONE KNEE..... ③



THE CLEAR NOTES OF A BUGLE RING OUT OVER THE CRASH OF ARMS AND THE SCREAMS OF THE DYING..... ⑥

THE SHATTERED REMNANTS OF THE LEGION OF THE DOOMED DRAW UP BEFORE KING, THE MERCILESS, WHO DECREES A NIGHT OF FEASTING AND MERRYMAKING IN PREPARATION FOR THE TEST OF THE FLAMING LANCES!





THE SURVIVORS OF THE FIRST TEST IN THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH WINE AND DINE IN MING'S IMPERIAL BANQUET HALL



IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT MASKED MAN YOU'D BE DEAD---OH, FLASH, WHY DID YOU ENTER THIS HORRIBLE TOURNEY?

TO WIN FREEDOM, A KINGDOM AND---WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT--- YOU!



I WAS A FOOL TO ENTER THIS TOURNAMENT! SOONER OR LATER FLASH AND I MUST MEET---ONE OR BOTH OF US MUST DIE---MY BLIND LOVE FOR AURA MADE ME DO IT!



AH, THE MASKED CHAMPION---ARE YOU A CRIMINAL FEARING ARREST OR A NOBLE FEARING RECOGNITION?

BLUE BLOOD OR RED, MY LADY, IT WILL FLOW IN THE ARENA JUST AS READILY FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT!



HERE, WEAR THIS SCARF AND DO NOT STAIN IT WITH YOUR BLOOD!

A KISS FROM YOUR GORGEOUS LIPS AND I WOULD FACE THE LEGIONS OF TAO!

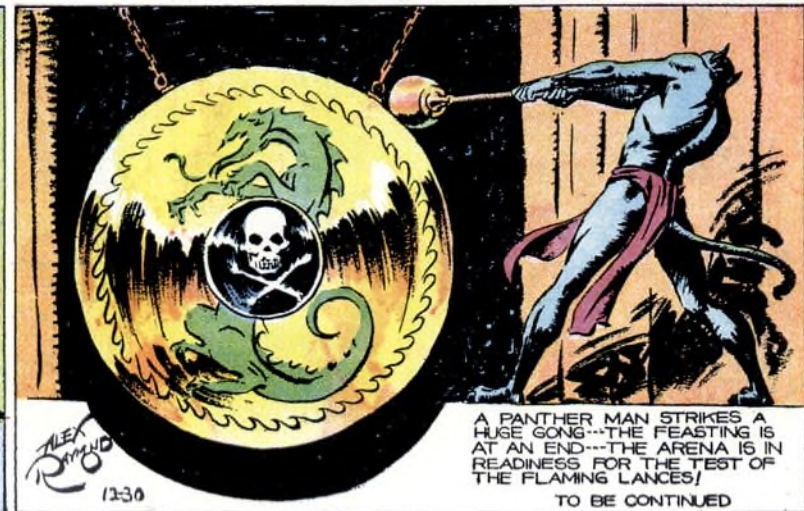


OH, INSOLENT---I'LL HAVE YOU TORTURED! I'LL-----

WHO CAN PUNISH THE LIVING DEAD OF THE TOURNAMENT?---GOODBY, YOU BEAUTIFUL DEVIL!

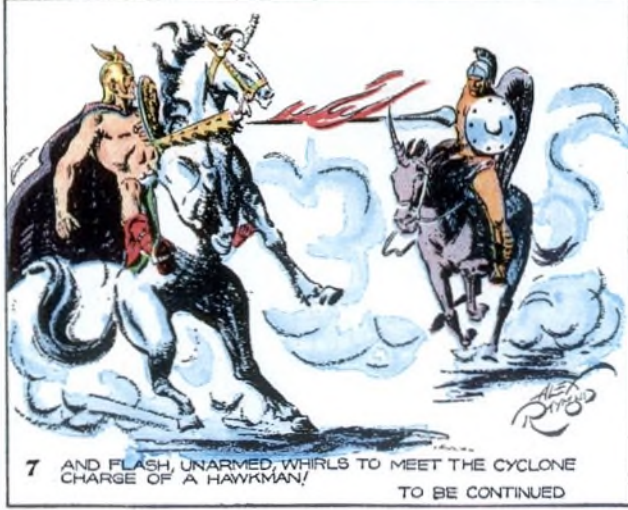


THAT MASKED CHAP---I'D SWEAR I KNOW HIS VOICE!



A PANTHER MAN STRIKES A HUGE GONG---THE FEASTING IS AT AN END---THE ARENA IS IN READINESS FOR THE TEST OF THE FLAMING LANCES!

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THE HAWKMAN COMES THUNDERING AT THE WEAPONLESS FLASH GORDON, WHO DROPS OVER ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS HORN-HORSE TO MAKE A SMALLER TARGET--



THE HAWKMAN'S LANCE RAKES FLASH'S EXPOSED LEFT LEG, BUT FLASH THROWS UP HIS HORSE'S HEAD, SPEARING THE MAN--



IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE ARENA, THE MASKED CHAMPION, HIS HORN-HORSE-MAN, BRAVELY AWAITS THE DEATH STROKE OF A PANTHER-MAN--

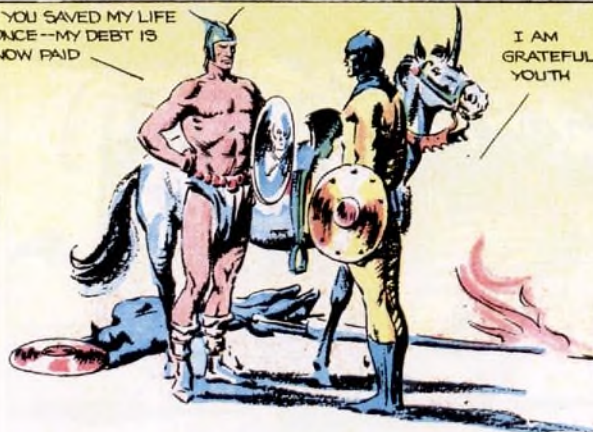


SEEING THIS, FLASH WHIRLS HIS MOUNT AND CHARGES --

BRUSHING IN FRONT OF THE MAN, HE DEFLECTS HIS LANCE AND LEAPS AT HIS THROAT

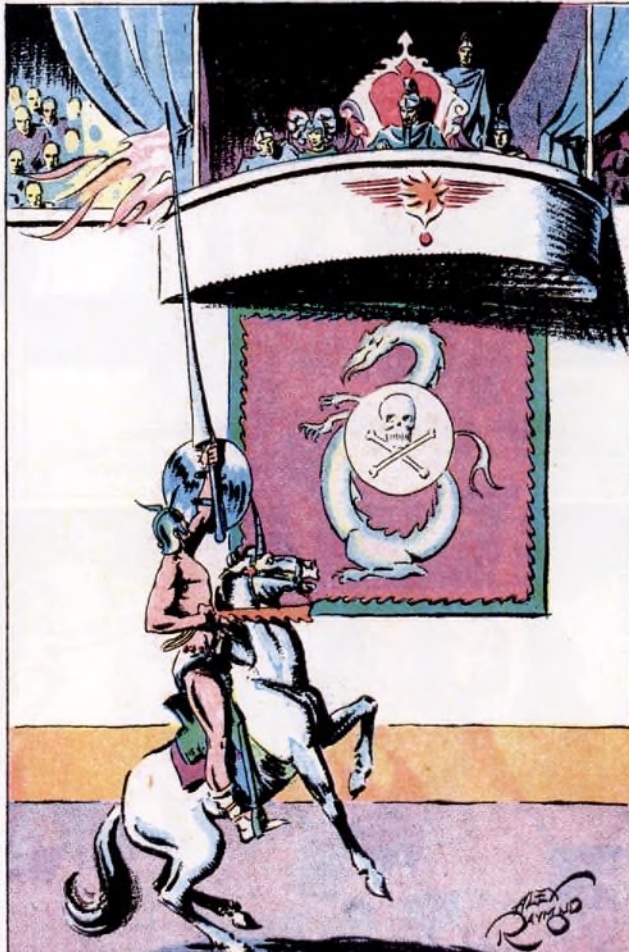


YOU SAVED MY LIFE ONCE--MY DEBT IS NOW PAID



I AM GRATEFUL, YOUTH

THEY BOTH CRASH TO THE GROUND AND THE PANTHER-MAN LIES STILL, HIS NECK BROKEN BY THE FALL -- FLASH AND THE MASKED MAN ARE THE ONLY LIVE MEN LEFT



THEN, AMID THE ROARS OF THE CROWD, FLASH RIDES UP TO MING, THE MERCILESS, AND SALUTES, IN SYMBOL OF VICTORY!



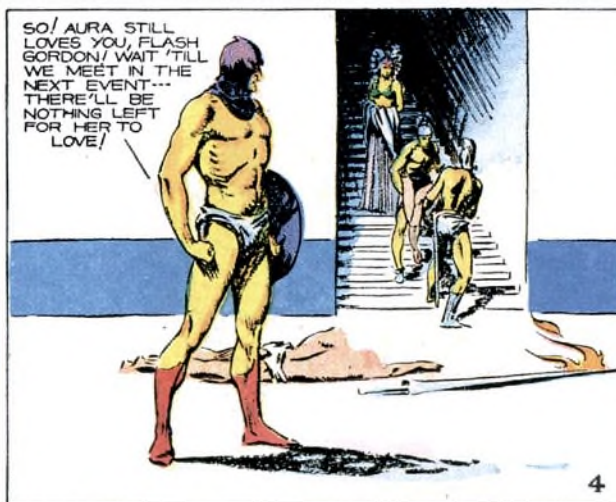
AS FLASH RAISES HIS LANCE IN TOKEN OF VICTORY IN THE TEST OF THE FLAMING LANCES, HE SUDDENLY COLLAPSES FROM LOSS OF BLOOD-----

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SCREAMING HYSTERICALLY, DALE TRIES TO TEAR HERSELF FROM VULTAN'S ARMS AND HURL HERSELF INTO THE ARENA-----

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SO! AURA STILL LOVES YOU, FLASH GORDON! WAIT 'TILL WE MEET IN THE NEXT EVENT--- THERE'LL BE NOTHING LEFT FOR HER TO LOVE!

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HA! HE IS WOUNDED---AND YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THE TOURNEY---WHOEVER CANNOT GO ON TO THE NEXT TEST OF DEATH SHALL BE FLUNG INTO THE LAKE OF BOILING FLAME!

WAIT FATHER---HE HAS NOT PROVEN HIMSELF UNABLE TO CONTINUE----- CAPTAIN, HAVE THE YOUTH BROUGHT TO MY CHAMBERS!

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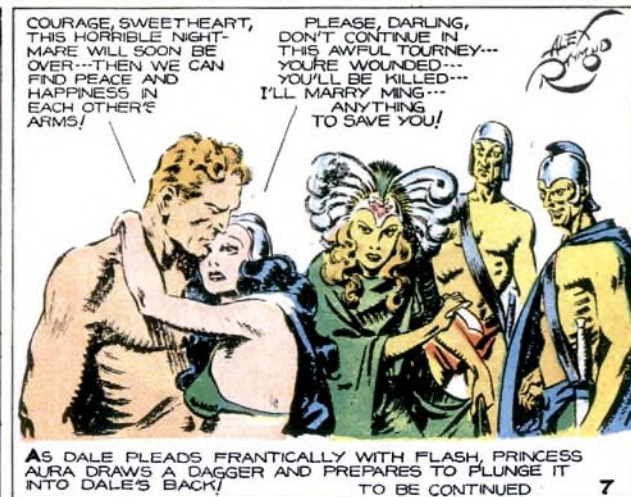
IN THE MEDICAL ROOM OF THE GREAT STADIUM OF DEATH, SKILLED SURGEONS APPLY THEIR MIRACULOUS SKILL TO FLASH'S TORN LEG-----

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LATER AS FLASH IS LED TO AURA'S GLASS-ED-IN CHAMBERS TO REST AND REGAIN HIS STRENGTH, THE DOOR IS SUDDENLY FLUNG OPEN AND DALE RUSHES IN-----

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COURAGE, SWEETHEART, THIS HORRIBLE NIGHT-MARE WILL SOON BE OVER---THEN WE CAN FIND PEACE AND HAPPINESS IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS!

PLEASE, DARLING, DON'T CONTINUE IN THIS AWFUL TOURNEY--- YOU'RE WOUNDED--- YOU'LL BE KILLED--- I'LL MARRY MING--- ANYTHING TO SAVE YOU!

AS DALE PLEADS FRANTICALLY WITH FLASH, PRINCESS AURA DRAWS A DAGGER AND PREPARES TO PLUNGE IT INTO DALE'S BACK!

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PRINCE BARIN, MADLY IN LOVE WITH PRINCESS AURA, MAKES HIS WAY TO HER CHAMBERS, WHILE AWAITING THE NEXT EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH



HE ENTERS THE ROOM, JUST AS JEALOUS PRINCESS AURA IS ABOUT TO PLUNGE HER KNIFE INTO DALE'S BACK.



HEY! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE HERE?

HOLD, AURA! IS THIS WORTHY OF A PRINCESS OF MONGO?

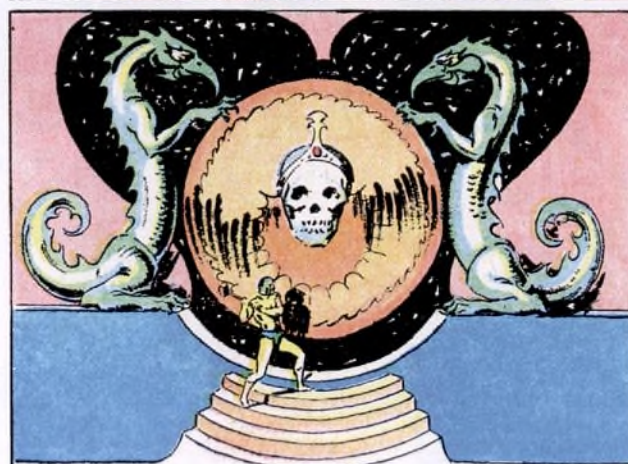


SO! IT IS NOT ME YOU LOVE, BUT HER!

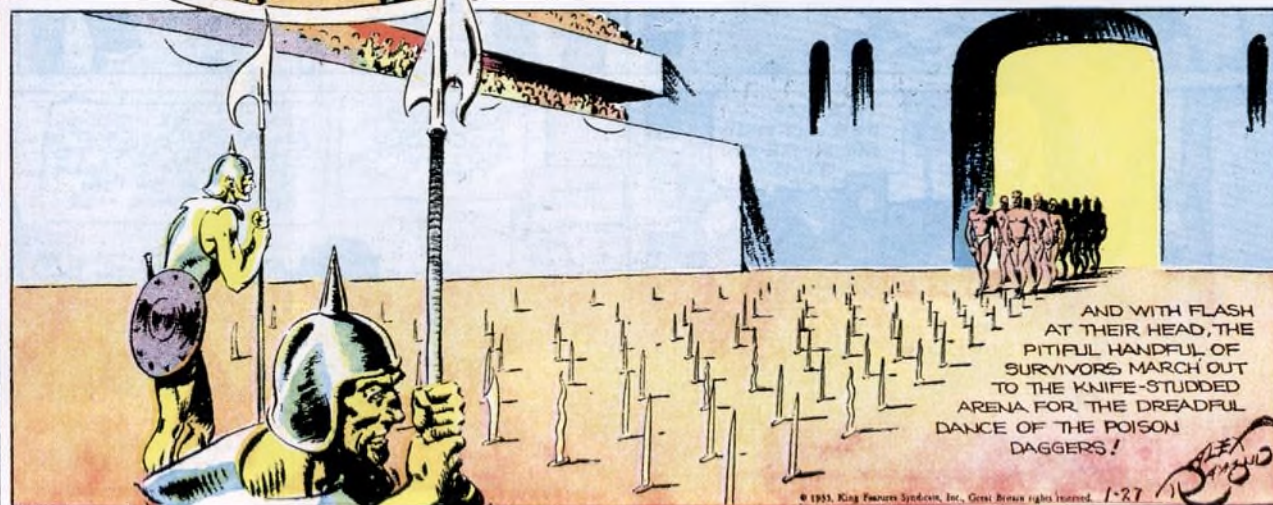
NO, MY PRINCESS-- IT IS YOU THAT I LOVE-- YOU ALONE!

ONCE AGAIN I THANK YOU, STRANGER-- IF FATE SENDS US TOGETHER AGAIN IN THE TOURNEY, MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!

THE FORTUNES OF WAR, MY FRIEND



AT THAT MOMENT A GREAT GONG BOOMS IN THE ARENA



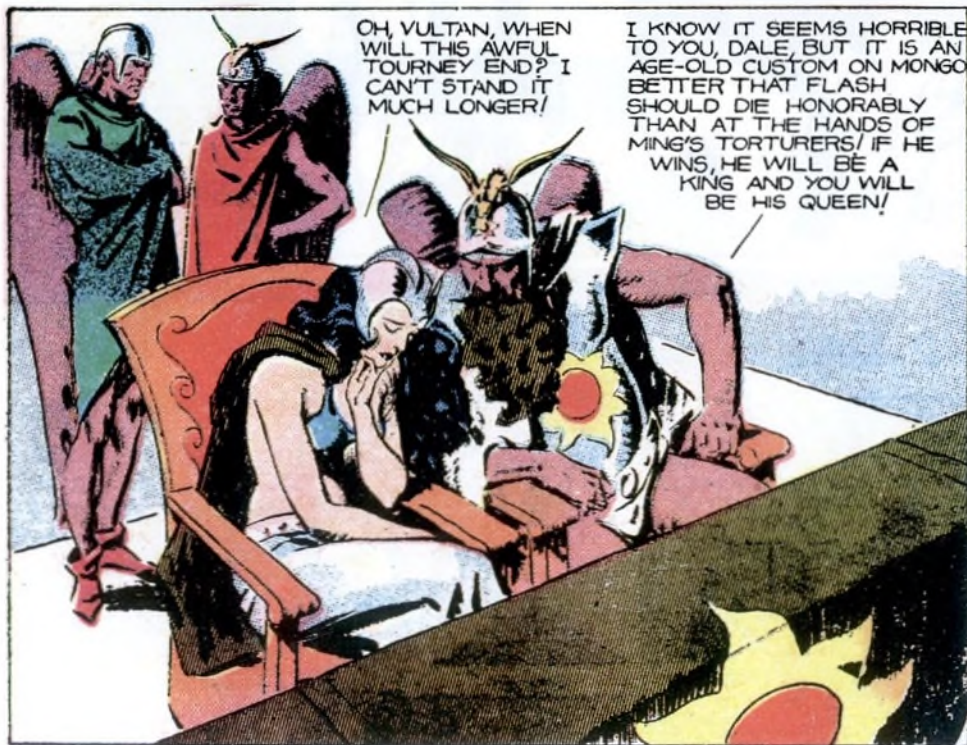
AND WITH FLASH AT THEIR HEAD, THE PITIFUL HANDFUL OF SURVIVORS MARCH OUT TO THE KNIFE-STUDDED ARENA FOR THE DREADFUL DANCE OF THE POISON DAGGERS!

FLASH GORDON



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THE DANCE OF THE POISONED DAGGERS WILL ELIMINATE ALL BUT TWO MEN WHO WILL MEET IN THE FINAL EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH---A FITTING HANDFUL OF SURVIVORS LINE UP ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE DAGGER-STUDDED ARENA!



OH, VULTAN, WHEN WILL THIS AWFUL TOURNEY END? I CAN'T STAND IT MUCH LONGER!

I KNOW IT SEEMS HORRIBLE TO YOU, DALE, BUT IT IS AN AGE-OLD CUSTOM ON MONGO BETTER THAT FLASH SHOULD DIE HONORABLY THAN AT THE HANDS OF MING'S TORTURERS! IF HE WINS, HE WILL BE A KING AND YOU WILL BE HIS QUEEN!

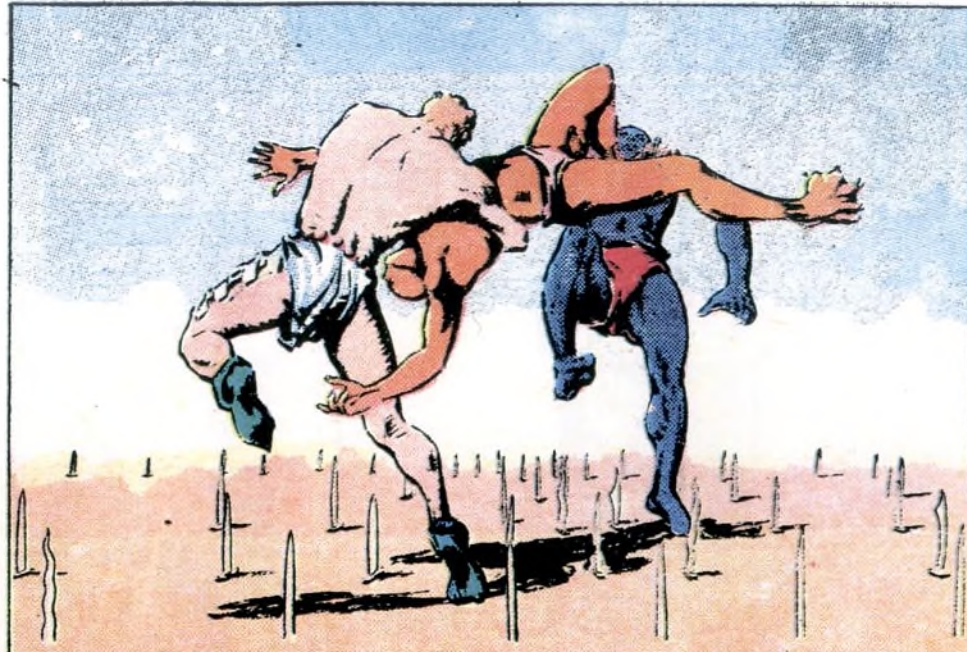


NEVER HAS MONGO SEEN SUCH A BRILLIANT FIGHTER OR SUCH RECKLESS COURAGE!

AH, YES, THUN, BUT I FEAR FOR HIM---HIS INJURED LEG CANNOT STAND TOO GREAT A STRAIN!

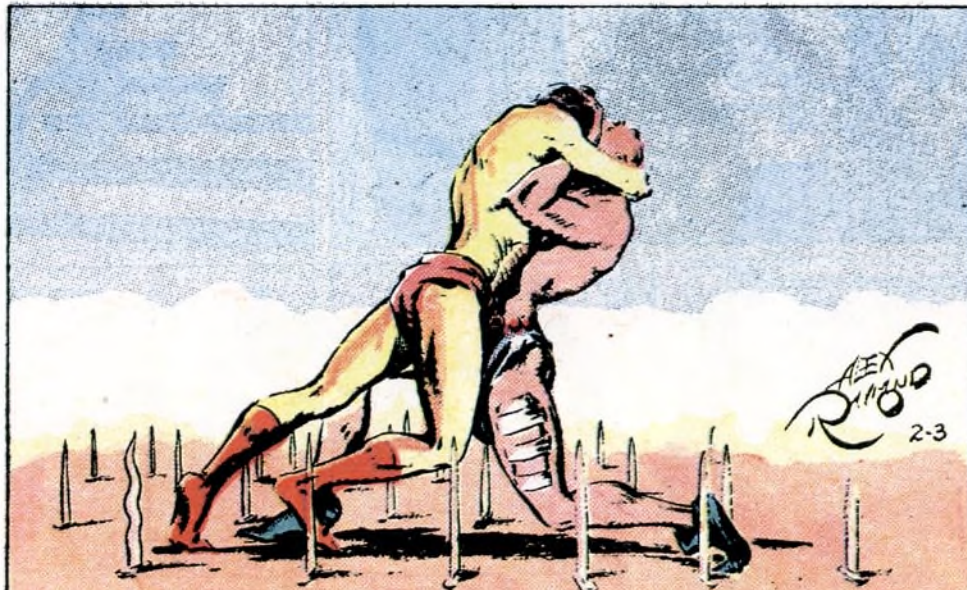
IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORIES OF MONGO, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HAWKMEN, DR. ZARKOV AND PRINCE THUN ANXIOUSLY WATCH THRU THE SPACEGRAPH THE PROGRESS OF THEIR FRIEND, FLASH GORDON

THE TRUMPETS BLOW AND THE BATTLE IS ON! A HUGE MONKEY MAN RUSHES AT FLASH, WHO STEPS ASIDE, HOLDING OUT HIS FOOT—THE MAN SCREAMS AS HE FALLS ON THE WICKED KNIVES!



A PANTHER MAN LEAPS ON FLASH'S BACK---QUICK AS LIGHTNING FLASH HURLS HIM OVER HIS SHOULDER INTO THE FACE OF AN ONRUSHING SHARKMAN-----

THEN THE GREATEST MOMENT OF THE TOURNAMENT--THE LAST TWO MEN OF THE LEGION OF THE DOOMED, FLASH GORDON AND THE MASKED CHAMPION STAND FACE TO FACE!



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THE MIGHTY CROWD GASPS THEN SHRIEKS FOR THE KILL, AS FLASH'S WOUNDED LEG GIVES WAY UNDER THE MASKED CHAMPION'S CHARGE!

NEXT WEEK: THE SKYROPE

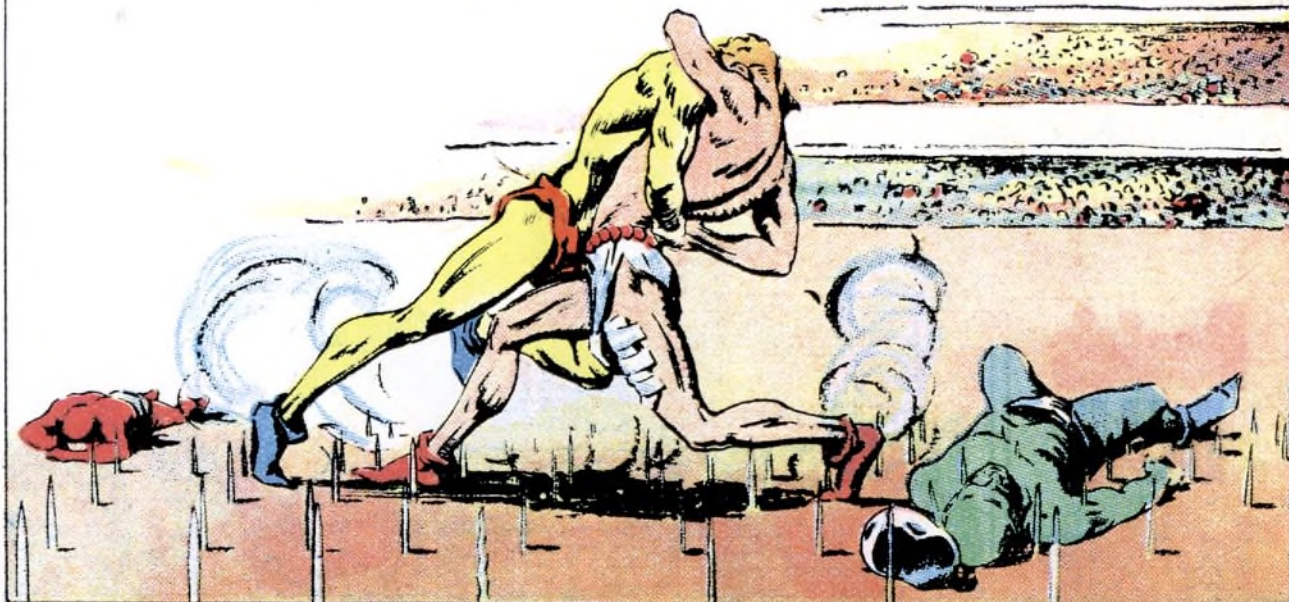
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FLASH GORDON



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THE GREAT THROG IN THE STADIUM OF DEATH HOLDS ITS BREATH IN SUSPENSE AS FLASH'S WOUNDED LEG BENDS UNDER THE MASKED CHAMPION'S DRIVING CHARGE, CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE POISONED DAGGERS!

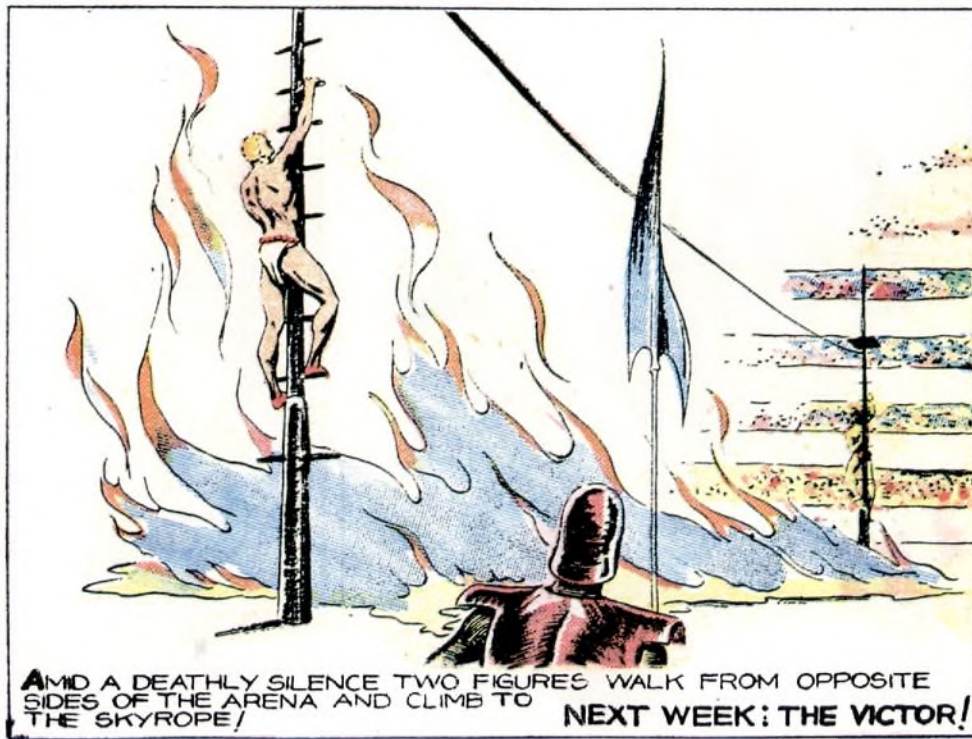
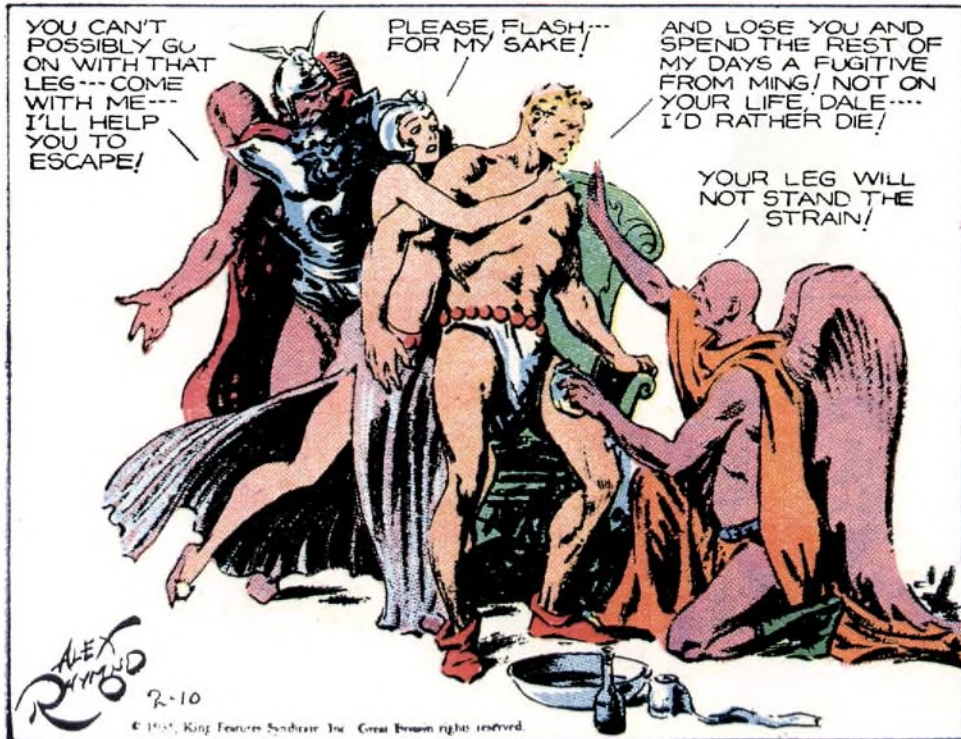
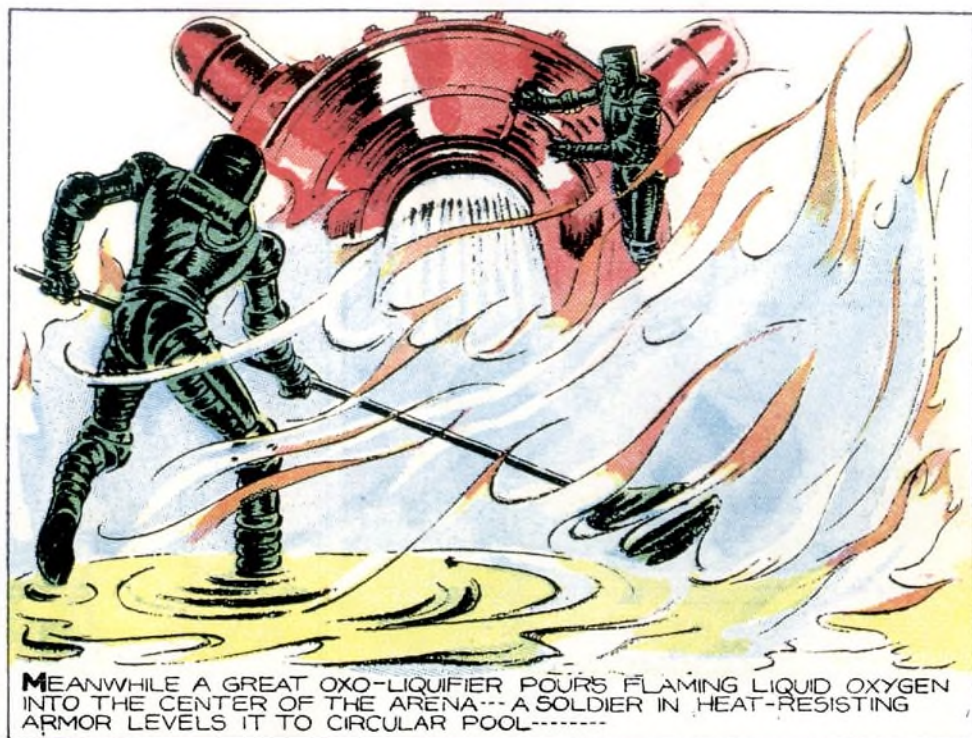


STOP THE FIGHT!
I WOULD
RATHER SEE
THE EARTH-
LING PERISH
ON THE
SKYROPE!



TO THINK THAT A BLIND
LOVE, FOR ONE AS WORTH-
LESS AS PRINCESS AURA,
COULD CAUSE ME TO TRY
TO KILL MY BEST FRIEND
---WHAT A WEAK FOOL
I AM!

TEARS OF REMORSE STREAM DOWN PRINCE BARIN'S FACE AS HE HELPS THE STAGGERING FLASH FROM THE FIELD OF BATTLE.....



FLASH GORDON



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THE LAST EVENT OF THE GREAT TOURNAMENT OF DEATH---TO THE VICTOR, A KINGDOM AND THE WOMAN OF HIS CHOICE--TO THE LOSER, A HORRIBLE DEATH IN THE FLAMING POOL BELOW THE SKYROPE-----THE TWO MIGHTIEST MEN OF MONGO STAND FACE TO FACE!

THE MASKED CHAMPION LUNGES--- FLASH PARRIES THE THRUST AND STEPS BACKWARD ---AN AGONIZING SHOCK RUNS THRU HIS INJURED LEG-----



HIS USELESS LEG COLLAPSES AND HE FALLS TOWARD THE INFERNO BELOW---

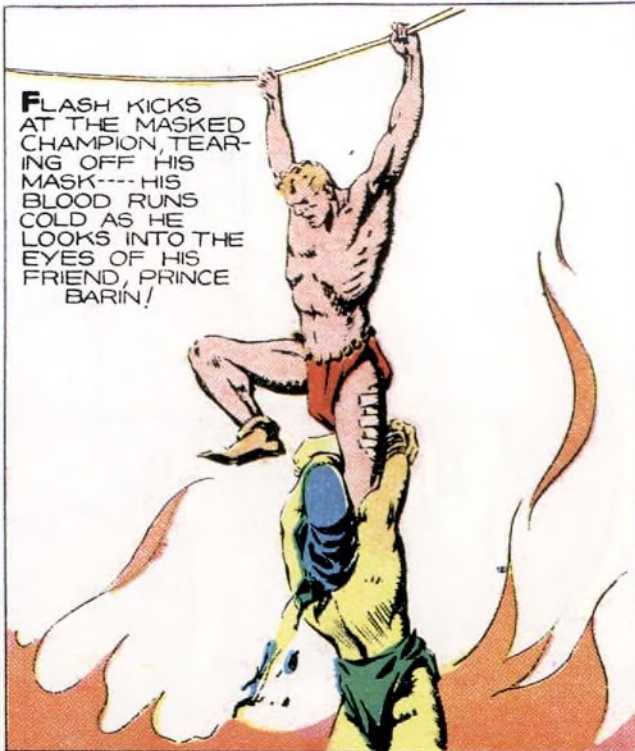
FLASH'S CLUTCHING HANDS GRASP THE ROPE---THE SHOCK THROWS THE MASKED CHAMPION OFF BALANCE-----



THE EARTH-MAN GASPS WITH PAIN AS HIS FALLING OPPONENT GRASPS THE INJURED LEG AND HANGS ON-----



FLASH KICKS AT THE MASKED CHAMPION, TEARING OFF HIS MASK---- HIS BLOOD RUNS COLD AS HE LOOKS INTO THE EYES OF HIS FRIEND, PRINCE BARIN!



OUR EXILED PRINCE!
IT'S PRINCE BARIN!



NONE OF YOUR TRICKERY, MING---- ALL MONGO, INCLUDING YOUR OWN ARMY, STANDS BEHIND US---- PROCLAIM THEM BOTH KINGS OR, BY TAO, WE PUT FLASH GORDON ON YOUR THRONE AS EMPEROR OF MONGO!



SO BE IT, VULTAN---- BUT I CHOOSE THEIR KINGDOMS!

NEXT WEEK:
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AMID THE WILD CHEERING OF A GREAT THRONG OF SOLDIERS, FLASH AND BARIN ARE BORNE TO THE HALL OF KINGS--THERE THEY ARE TO RECEIVE THE REWARD FOR WINNING THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH!



THEY ARE LED BEFORE A DESK AT WHICH SITS KING AND HIS TWO MOST POWERFUL KINGS--VULTAN OF THE HAWKMAN AND JUGRID OF THE LIONMEN--BEFORE THEM STAND DALE AND AURA, FUTURE QUEENS OF MONGO--

THESE TWO ARE BRAVE MEN--BOTH SHALL HAVE THEIR CHOICE OF BRIDES AND BOTH SHALL BE KINGS--TO MY DAUGHTER AND PRINCE BARIN, I GIVE THE KINGDOM OF THE FORESTS--TO MY ENEMY, FLASH GORDON, AND THE EARTH GIRL, I GIVE KIRA, KINGDOM OF THE CAVES--

YOU FIEND! YOU KNOW NEITHER KINGDOM HAS BEEN CONQUERED!





TRUE---BUT THESE ARE BRAVE MEN---
LET THEM TRY---THEY CAN HOLD
THEIR WEDDINGS IN
THEIR OWN
KINGDOMS---
IF THEY LIVE
THAT LONG!



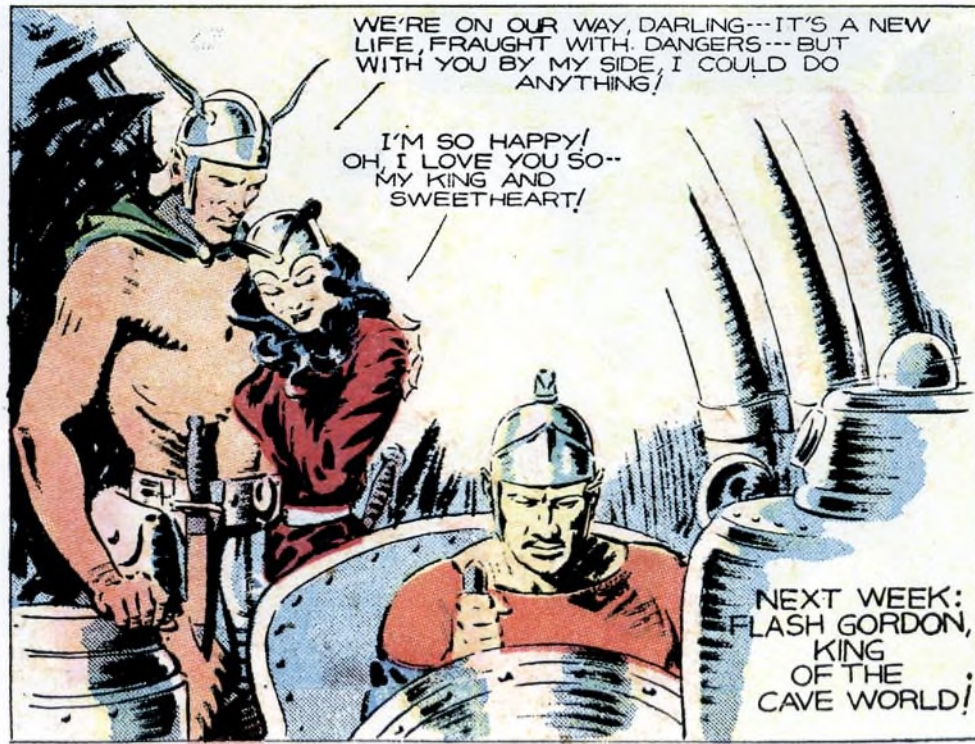
WHEN WE HAVE CARVED OUT OUR
OWN KINGDOMS, WE WILL MEET
AGAIN---I BESEECH YOU TO FORGET
MY FOOLISH JEALOUSY OF
PRINCESS AURA AND YOU---I
HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS
CONSIDER ME YOUR TRUE FRIEND!

ALL THAT IS FORGOTTEN,
BARIN---GOOD LUCK TO YOU,
MY FRIEND, AND I HOPE
YOU TAME YOUR FIANCEE



I'LL LEND YOU A
PICKED COMPANY
OF HAWKMEN, LAD---

---AND I'LL SEND MY SON, PRINCE THUN, AT THE
HEAD OF AN ARMY OF LIONMEN---GOOD
LUCK TO YOU!



WE'RE ON OUR WAY, DARLING---IT'S A NEW
LIFE, FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS--- BUT
WITH YOU BY MY SIDE, I COULD DO
ANYTHING!

I'M SO HAPPY!
OH, I LOVE YOU SO---
MY KING AND
SWEETHEART!

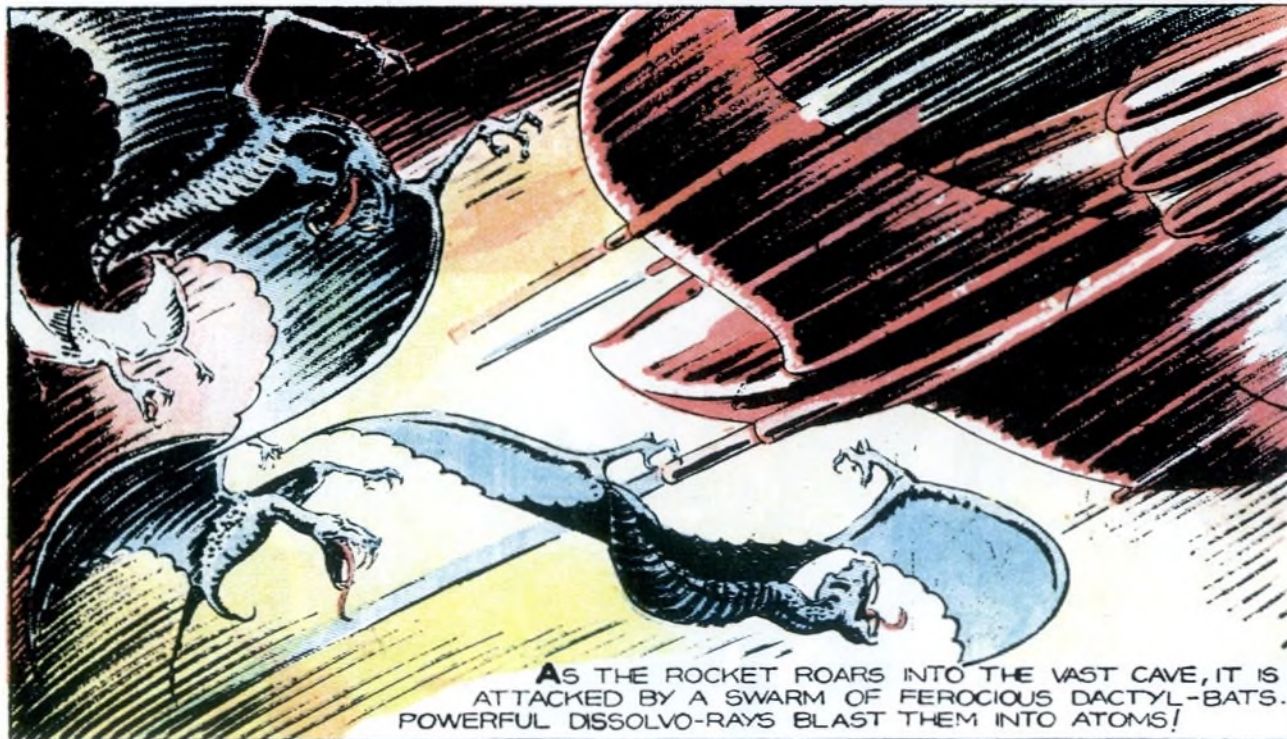
NEXT WEEK:
FLASH GORDON,
KING
OF THE
CAVE WORLD!

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HAVING PICKED UP A COMPANY OF KING VULTAN'S HAWKMEN, THE HUGE ROCKET SHIP, BEARING FLASH AND DALE TO THEIR NEW KINGDOM, HEADS FOR THE YAWNING MOUTH OF KIRA, THE WILD AND FORBIDDING CAVE WORLD.....

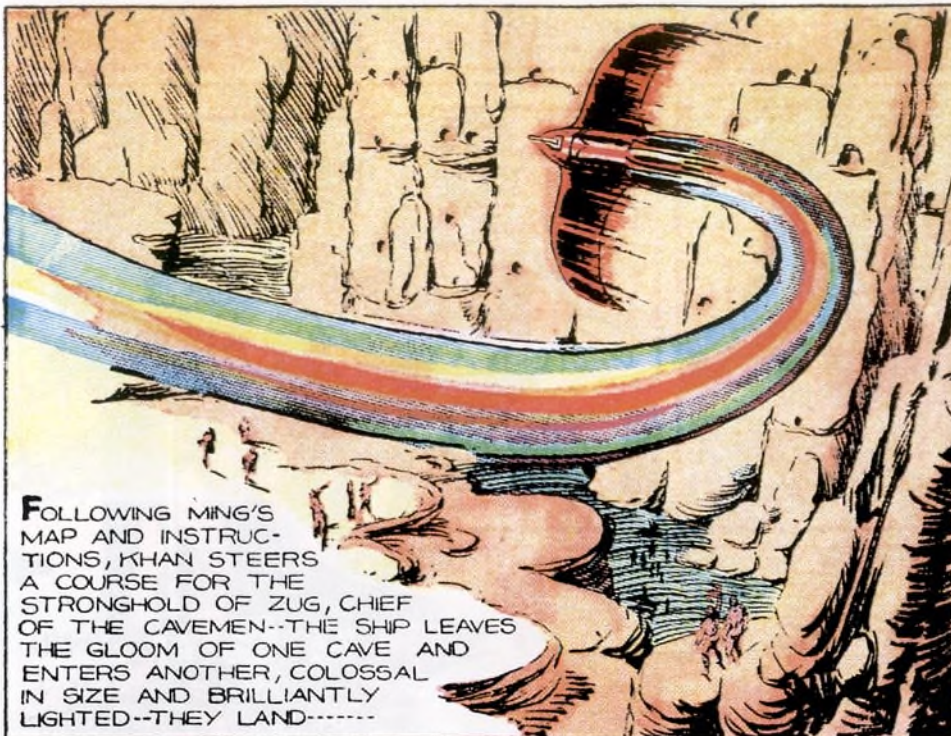


AS THE ROCKET ROARS INTO THE VAST CAVE, IT IS ATTACKED BY A SWARM OF FEROCIOUS DACTYL-BATS. POWERFUL DISSOLVO-RAYS BLAST THEM INTO ATOMS!



IS ALL MY KINGDOM LIKE THIS, KHAN?

I'VE NEVER BEEN INSIDE BEFORE, YOUR MAJESTY-NOBODY HAS EVER EXPLORED THIS STRANGE UNDERGROUND WORLD.....



FOLLOWING MING'S MAP AND INSTRUCTIONS, KHAN STEERS A COURSE FOR THE STRONGHOLD OF ZUG, CHIEF OF THE CAVEMEN--THE SHIP LEAVES THE GLOOM OF ONE CAVE AND ENTERS ANOTHER, COLOSSAL IN SIZE AND BRILLIANTLY LIGHTED--THEY LAND-----

ME ZUG/ ME CHIEF HERE--WHY YOU COME, HUH?

BEND YOUR KNEE, OH, RED-HAIRED ONE, TO KING FLASH! RULER OF KIRA, THE CAVE WORLD, BY ORDER OF MING, THE MERCILESS, EMPEROR OF MONGO!

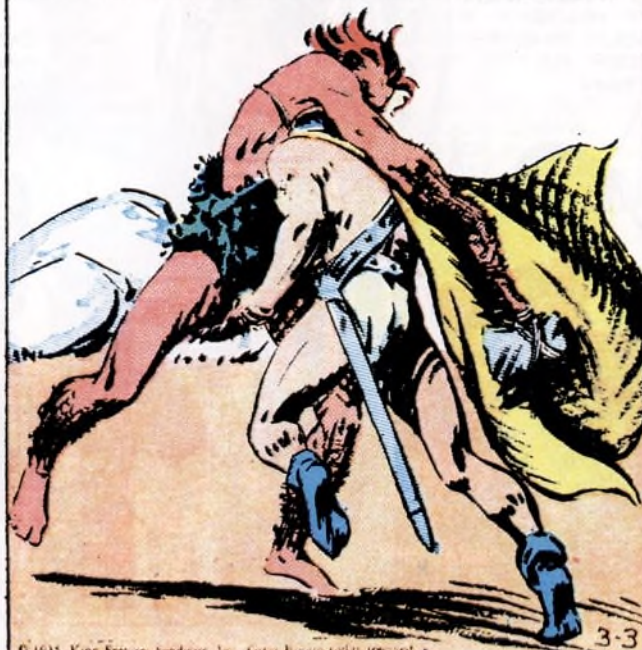


WAIT, KHAN--I'LL NOT RULE ANY MAN I CAN'T WHIP!

NO KING! ME CHIEF--- ME KILL YOU!



FLASH SKIPS NIMBLY TO ONE SIDE, AVOIDING THE HEAVY WAR HAMMER, AND DRIVES HIS FIST TO THE RED-HAIRED GIANT'S MID-SECTION--



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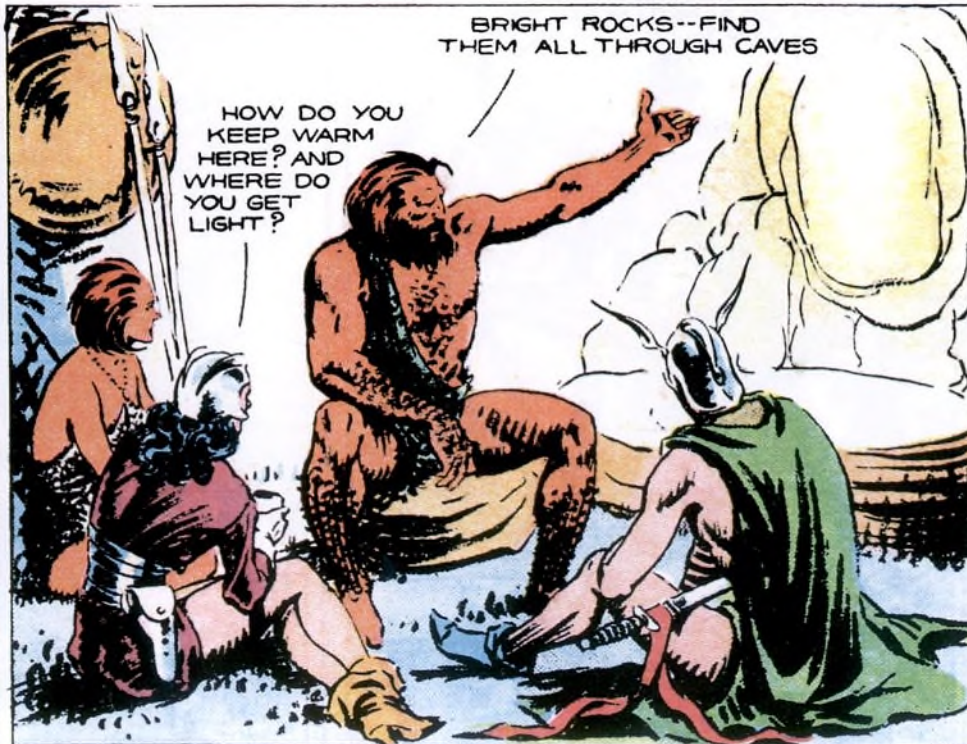
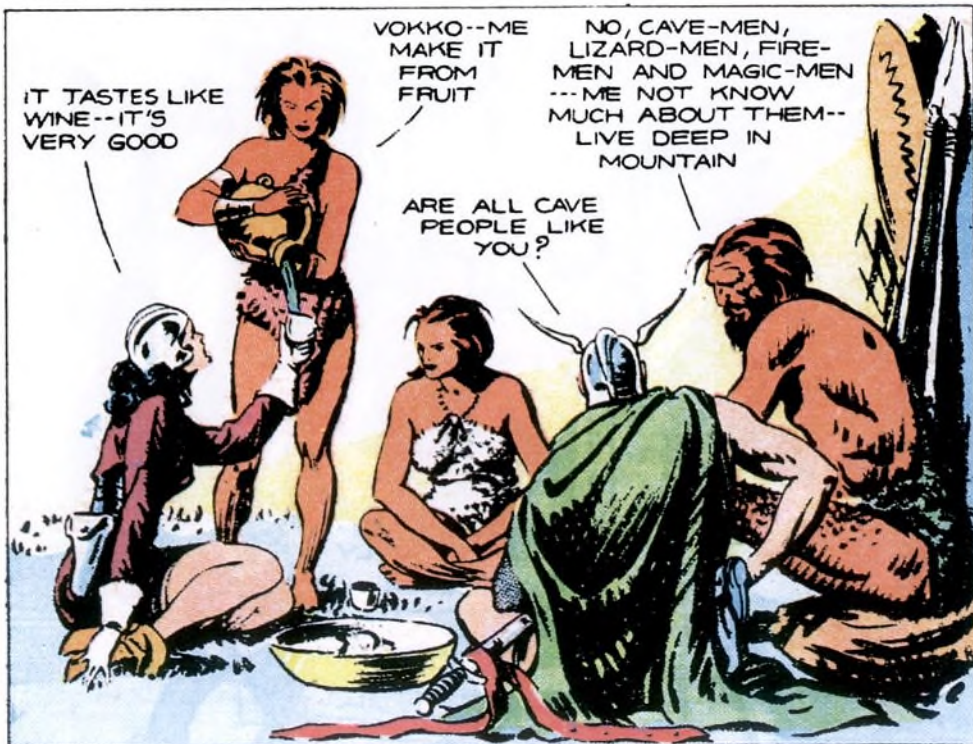
A MIGHTY ROAR GOES UP FROM SAVAGE THROATS--- "KING FLASH!"

NEXT WEEK: "THE TERROR OF THE CAVES!"

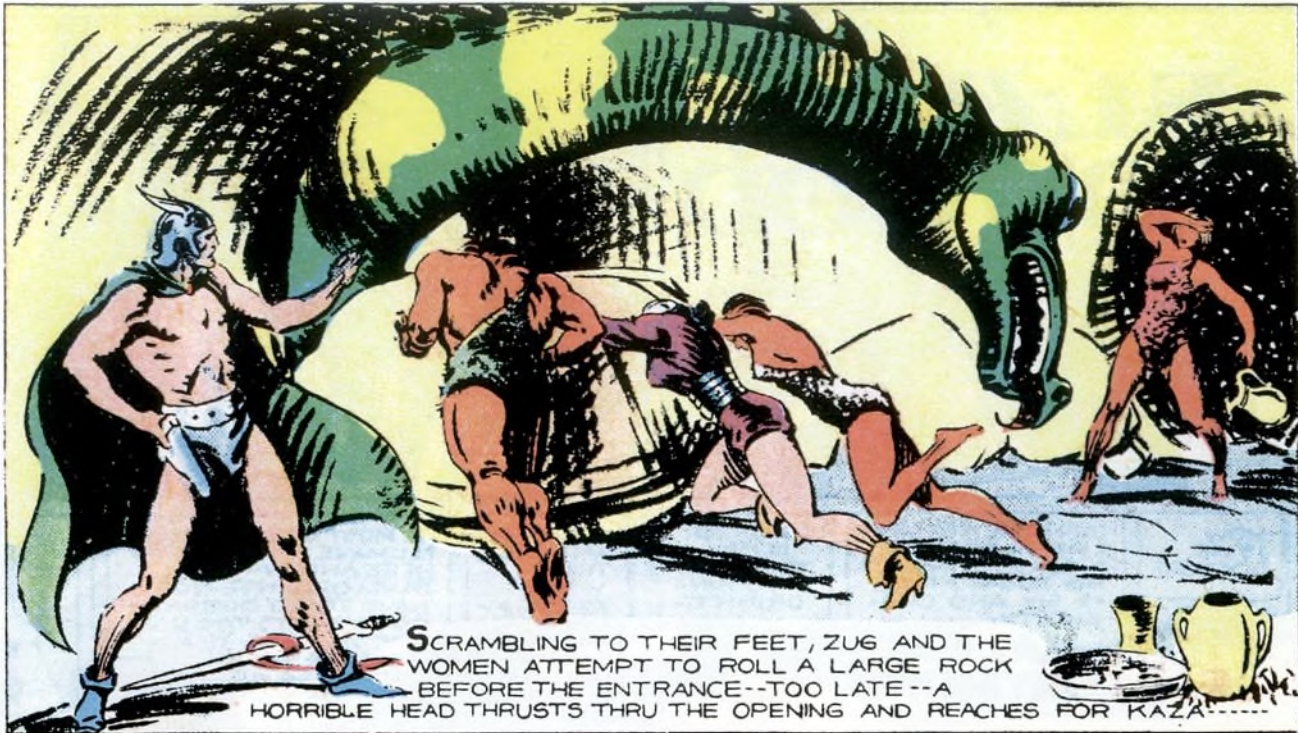
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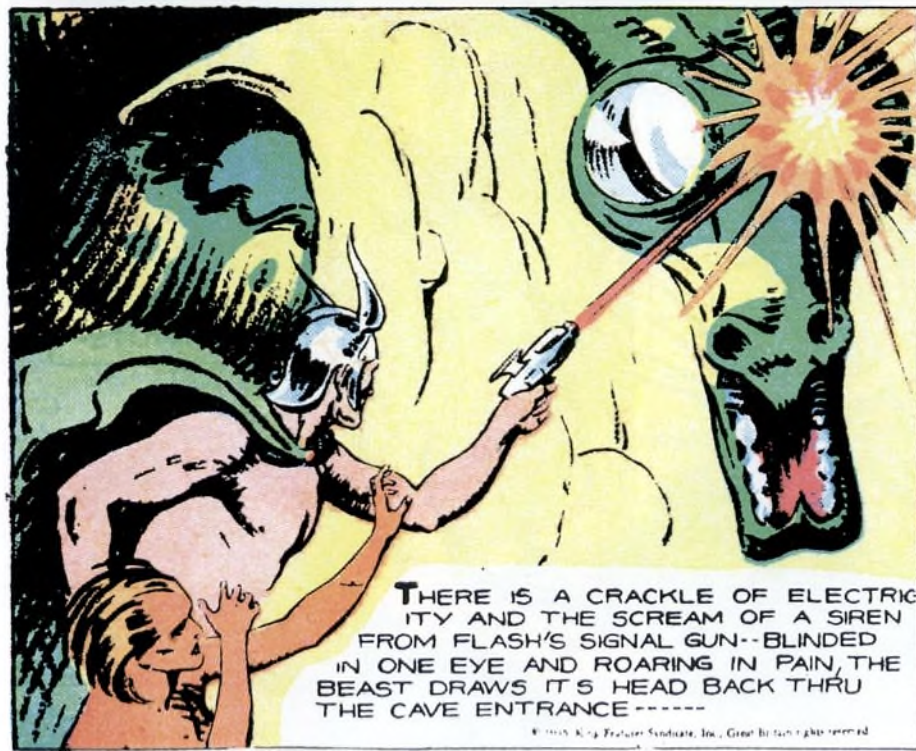
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THE EATER! KOMOK!
THE EATER OF MEN!



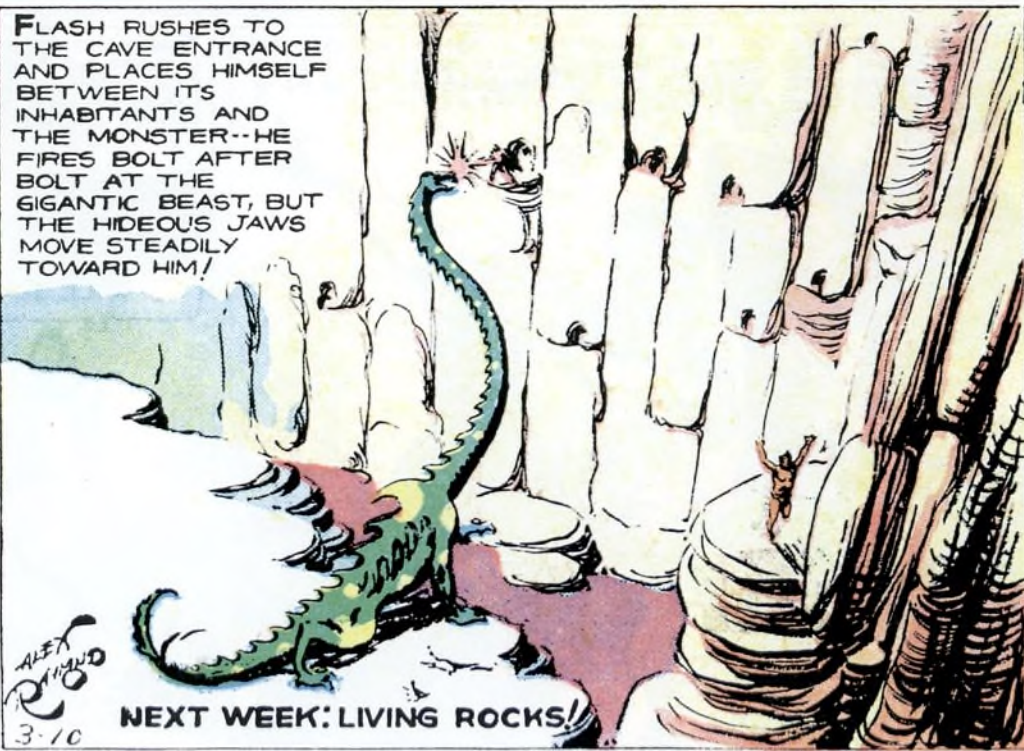
SCRAMBLING TO THEIR FEET, ZUG AND THE WOMEN ATTEMPT TO ROLL A LARGE ROCK BEFORE THE ENTRANCE--TOO LATE--A HORRIBLE HEAD THRUSTS THRU THE OPENING AND REACHES FOR KAZA-----



THERE IS A CRACKLE OF ELECTRICITY AND THE SCREAM OF A SIREN FROM FLASH'S SIGNAL GUN--BLINDED IN ONE EYE AND ROARING IN PAIN, THE BEAST DRAWS ITS HEAD BACK THRU THE CAVE ENTRANCE-----

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FLASH RUSHES TO THE CAVE ENTRANCE AND PLACES HIMSELF BETWEEN ITS INHABITANTS AND THE MONSTER--HE FIRES BOLT AFTER BOLT AT THE GIGANTIC BEAST, BUT THE HIDEOUS JAWS MOVE STEADILY TOWARD HIM!



NEXT WEEK: LIVING ROCKS!!

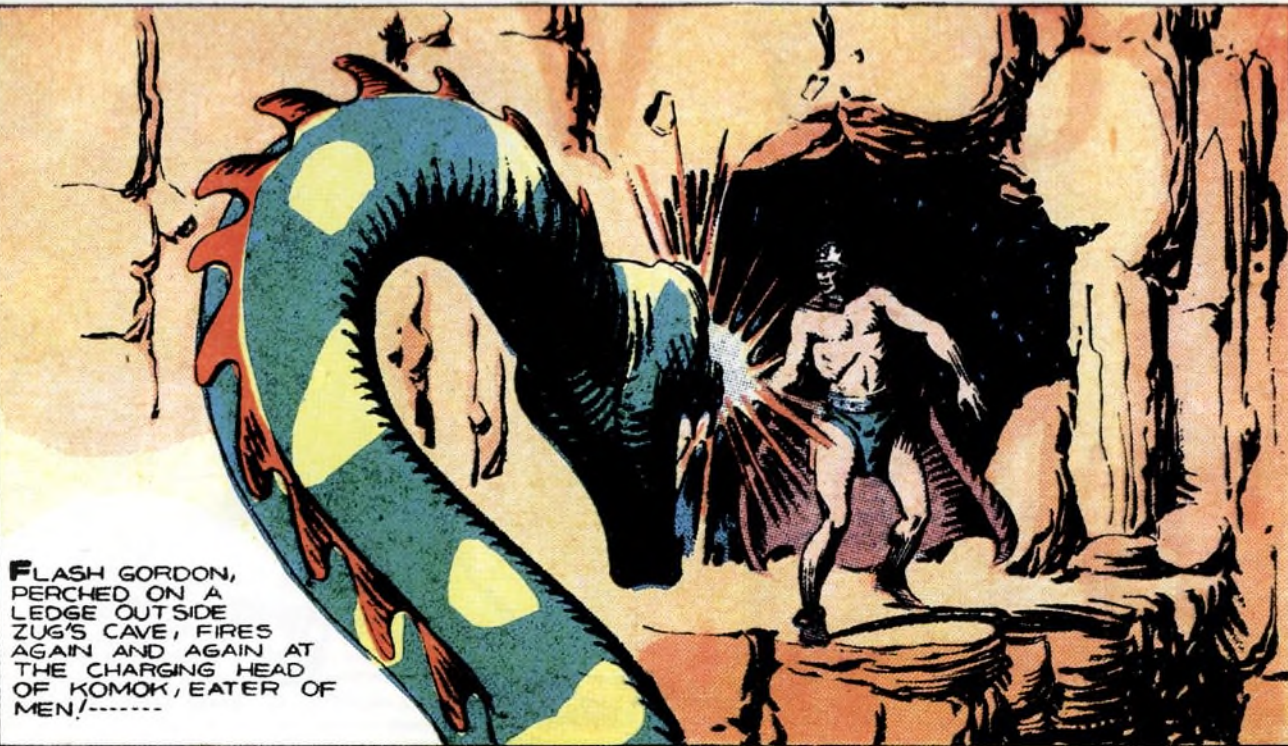
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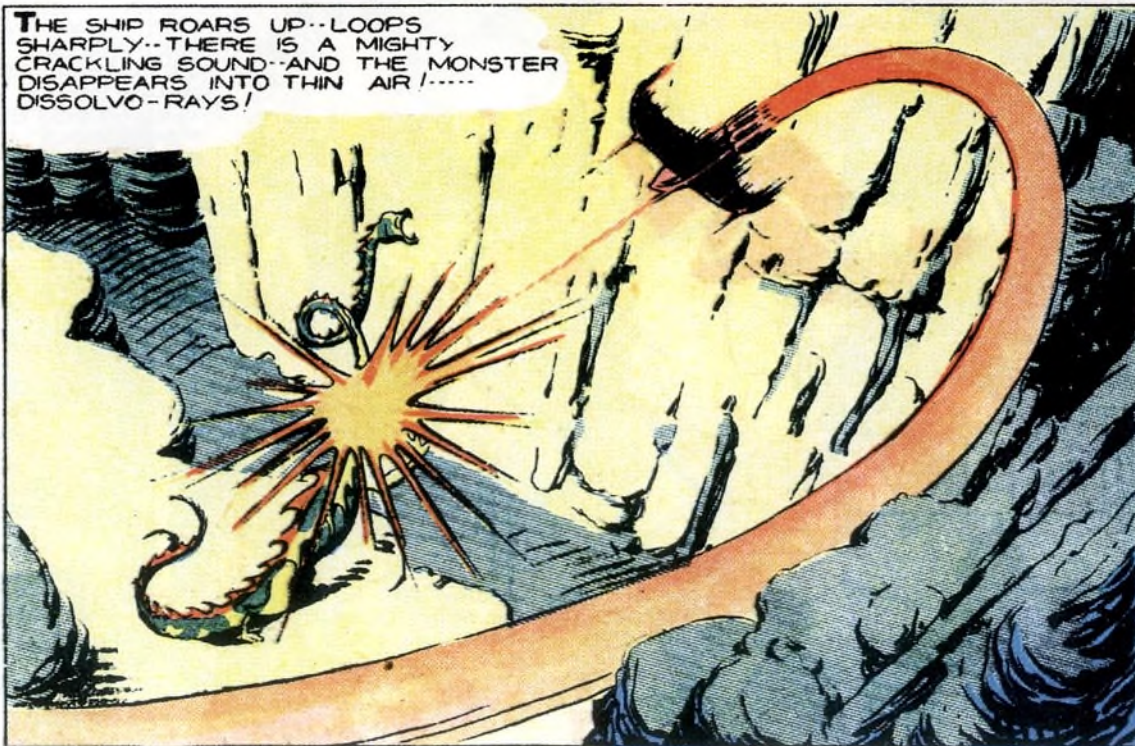
FLASH GORDON,
PERCHED ON A
LEDGE OUTSIDE
ZUG'S CAVE, FIRES
AGAIN AND AGAIN AT
THE CHARGING HEAD
OF KOMOK, EATER OF
MEN!-----



KHAN, CAPTAIN OF THE HAWKMEN, WHO ACCOMPANIED FLASH INTO THIS STRANGE CAVE WORLD, HEARS THE SIREN-LIKE WAILING OF FLASH'S SIGNAL GUN.... HE ORDERS THE ROCKET SHIP MANNED!-----



THE SHIP ROARS UP--LOOPS SHARPLY--THERE IS A MIGHTY CRACKLING SOUND--AND THE MONSTER DISAPPEARS INTO THIN AIR!---- DISSOLVO-RAYS!





OH KING, ME
AND MY TRIBE FIGHT
FOR YOU ALWAYS!

FINE! WITH
THE CAVE-MEN
AND THE HAWK-
MEN I'LL CON-
QUER MY
KINGDOM!



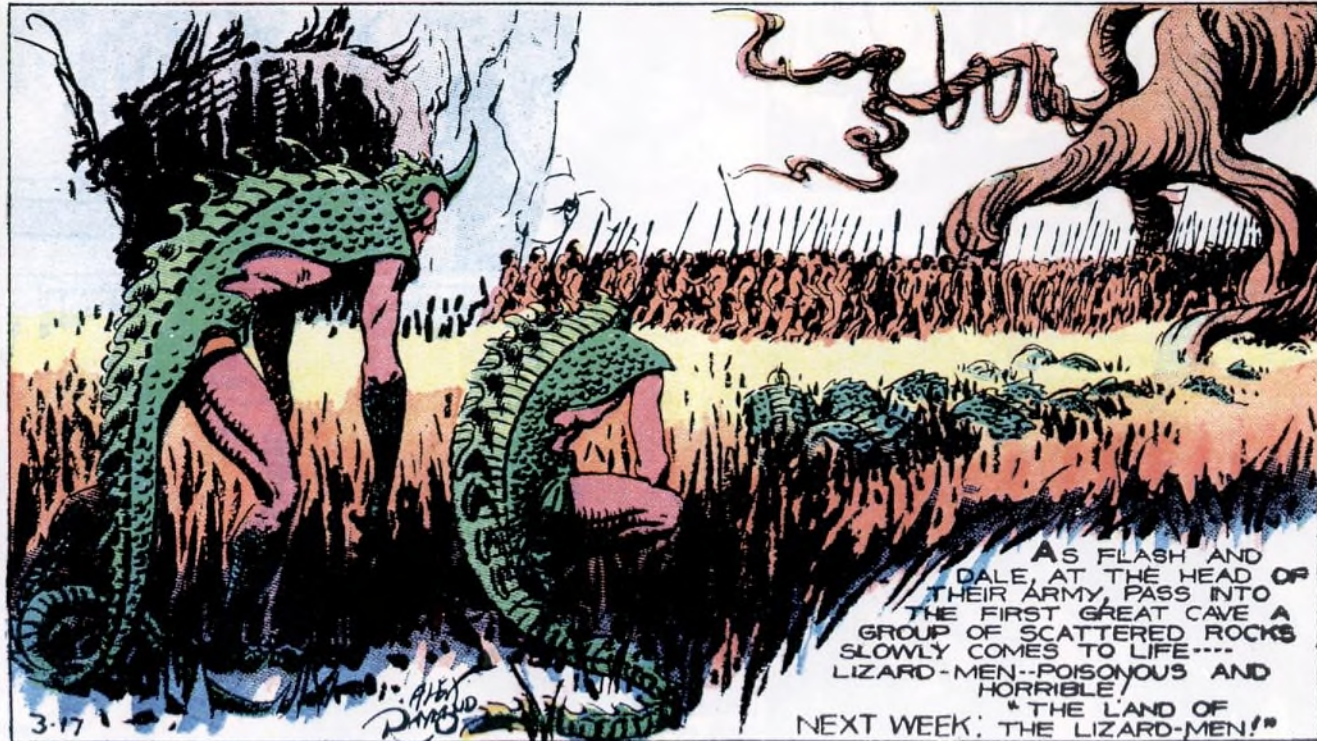
TO DELAY WOULD BE TO
INVITE DISASTER, KHAN---
WE MUST STRIKE NOW---
IF WORD TRAVELS INLAND
THAT WE ARE HERE THE
OTHER TRIBES WILL ARM
TO RESIST US---WITH
OUR SMALL ARMY WE
WOULD BE WIPED OUT---
GET YOUR MEN AND
THE SHIP READY---
WE START NOW!

NO CAN DO--NO
FLY, NARROW
TUNNELS--- WALK!



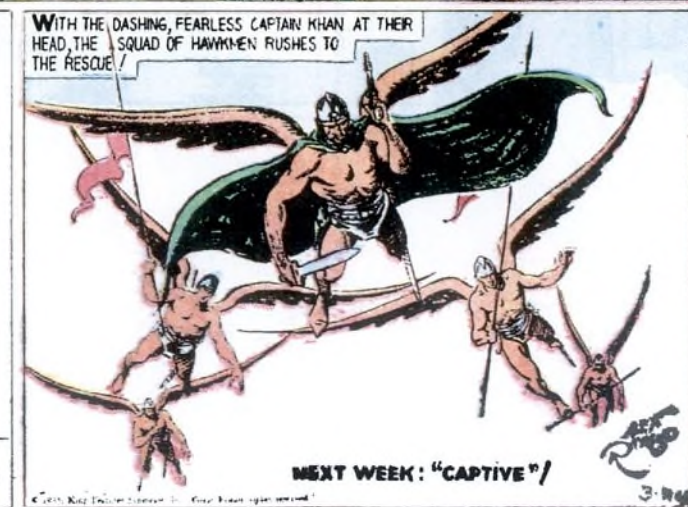
IN THIS WAY DOES FLASH GORDON,
EARTH-MAN AND YALE GRADUATE, SET
OUT TO CONQUER HIS KINGDOM IN A
STRANGE CAVE WORLD ON A STRANGE
AND FORBIDDING PLANET-----

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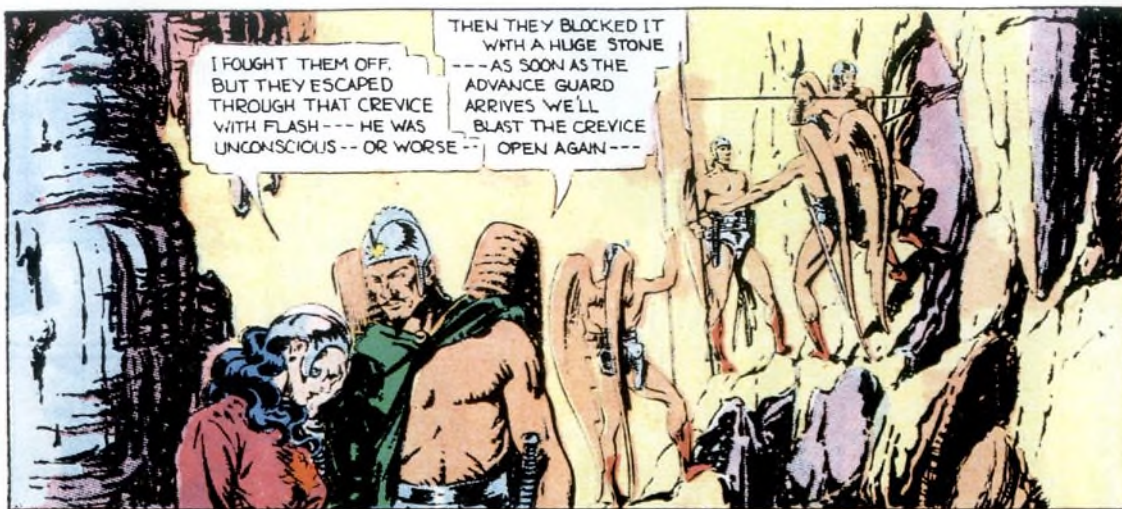
AS FLASH AND
DALE, AT THE HEAD OF
THEIR ARMY, PASS INTO
THE FIRST GREAT CAVE A
GROUP OF SCATTERED ROCKS
SLOWLY COMES TO LIFE---
LIZARD-MEN--POISONOUS AND
HORRIBLE!

"THE LAND OF
NEXT WEEK: THE LIZARD-MEN!"



I FOUGHT THEM OFF,
BUT THEY ESCAPED
THROUGH THAT CREVICE
WITH FLASH--- HE WAS
UNCONSCIOUS-- OR WORSE--

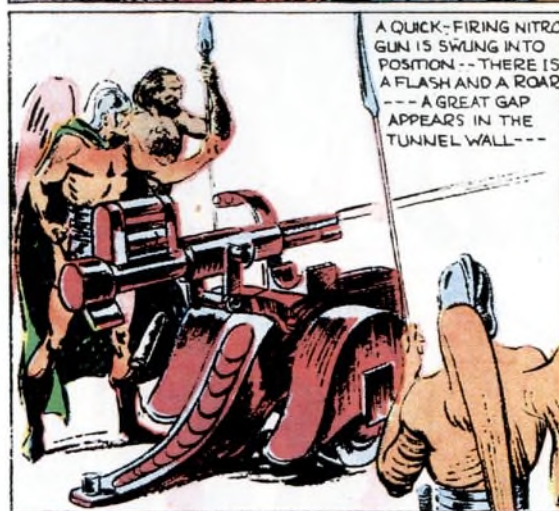
THEN THEY BLOCKED IT
WITH A HUGE STONE
---AS SOON AS THE
ADVANCE GUARD
ARRIVES WE'LL
BLAST THE CREVICE
OPEN AGAIN---



AT THAT MOMENT A SENTRY
SIGNALS THE APPROACH OF
FLASH'S ARMY OF HAWKMEN
AND CLIFFMEN---



A QUICK-FIRING NITRO
GUN IS SWUNG INTO
POSITION-- THERE IS
A FLASH AND A ROAR
---A GREAT GAP
APPEARS IN THE
TUNNEL WALL---



MEANWHILE THE
LIZARD MEN COME TO A FORK
IN THE TUNNEL ---THE CREATURES CARRYING FLASH TAKE
THE RIGHT HAND TURN AND THE REST GO TO THE LEFT --

COOKS! HERE'S MEAT --
A FEAST --



THE HEAD COOK GLEEFULLY
SHARPENS THE BARBS OF A
HUGE FORK ---



MANY TRACKS
THAT WAY-- ?



YES, TOO MANY TRACKS, THAT'S
WHY I THINK THEY
TOOK FLASH DOWN
THIS PASSAGE ---

RIGHT, DALE---
HAWKMEN---!
HALF OF YOU
FOLLOW ZUG, THE
REST FOLLOW ME---
FORWARD!

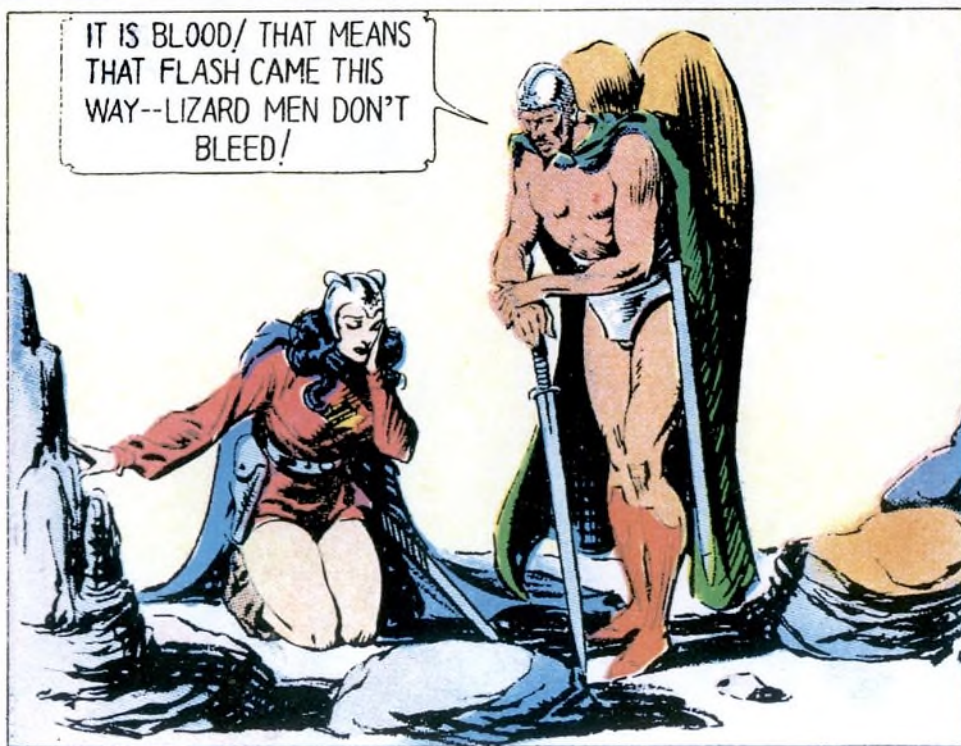


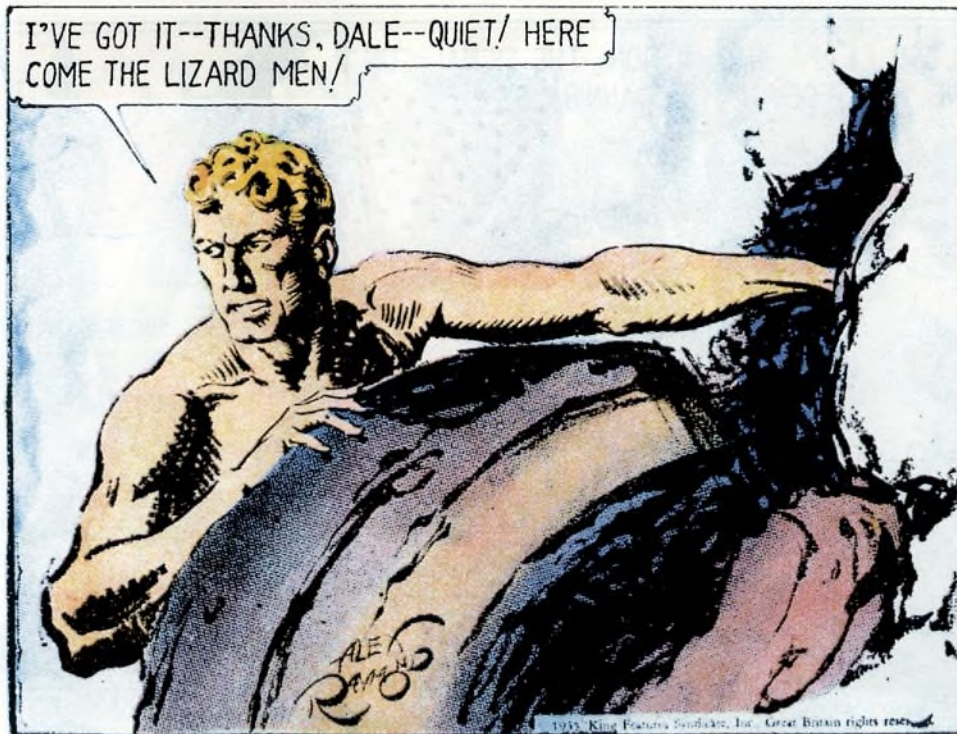
NEXT WEEK:
"BLOCKED"

FLASH GORDON



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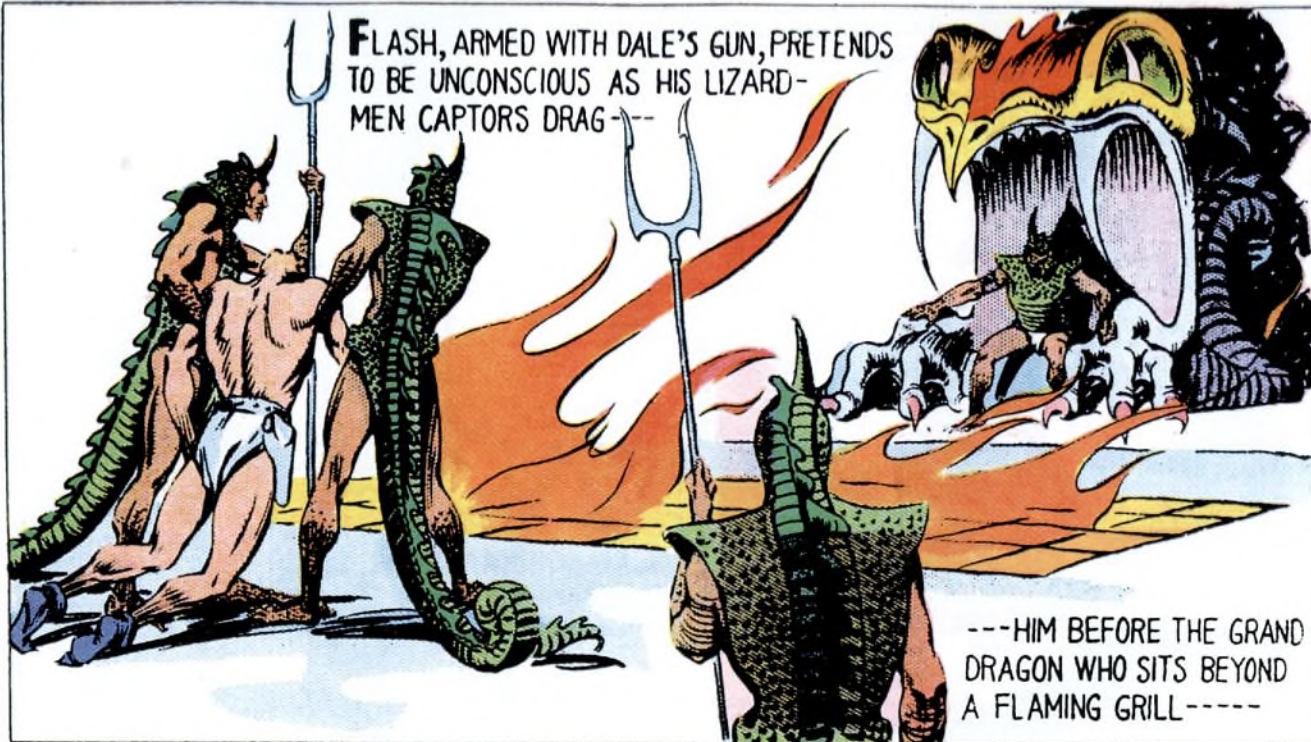




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FLASH, ARMED WITH DALE'S GUN, PRETENDS TO BE UNCONSCIOUS AS HIS LIZARD-MEN CAPTORS DRAG---

---HIM BEFORE THE GRAND DRAGON WHO SITS BEYOND A FLAMING GRILL-----

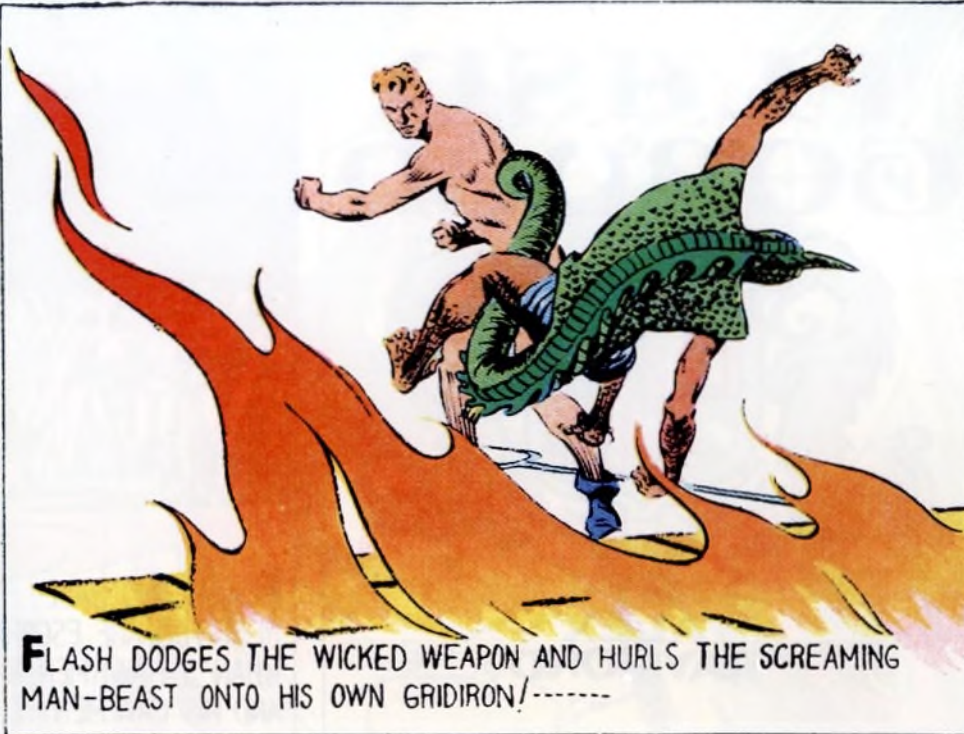
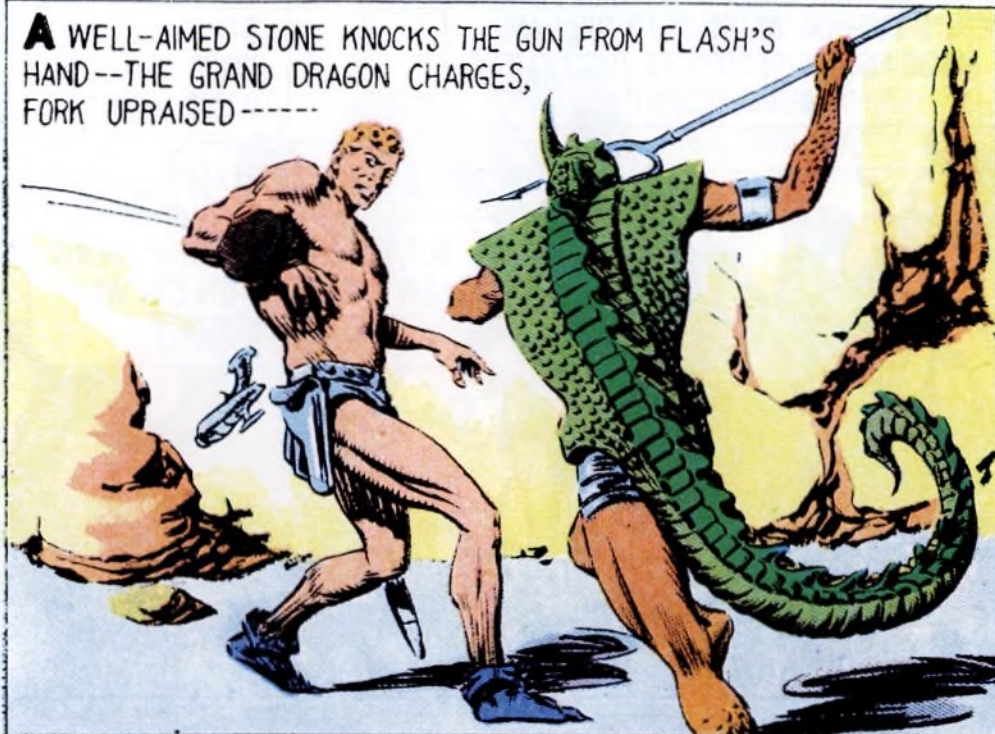
MAKE READY FOR THE FEAST! HURL HIM IN THE FIRE!



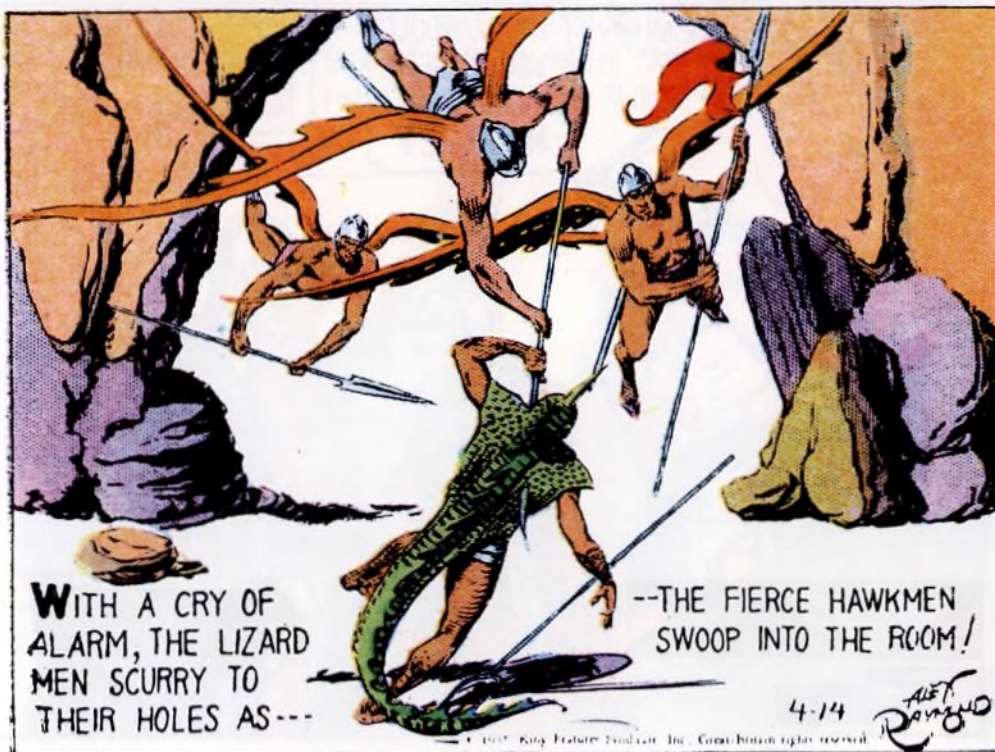
QUICK AS LIGHTNING, FLASH LEAPS INTO ACTION--THE SIGNAL-GUN SHRIEKS WILDLY AS HE MOWS DOWN THE CANNIBALS-----



A WELL-AIMED STONE KNOCKS THE GUN FROM FLASH'S HAND--THE GRAND DRAGON CHARGES, FORK UPRaised-----



Flash dodges the wicked weapon and hurls the screaming man-beast onto his own gridiron!-----

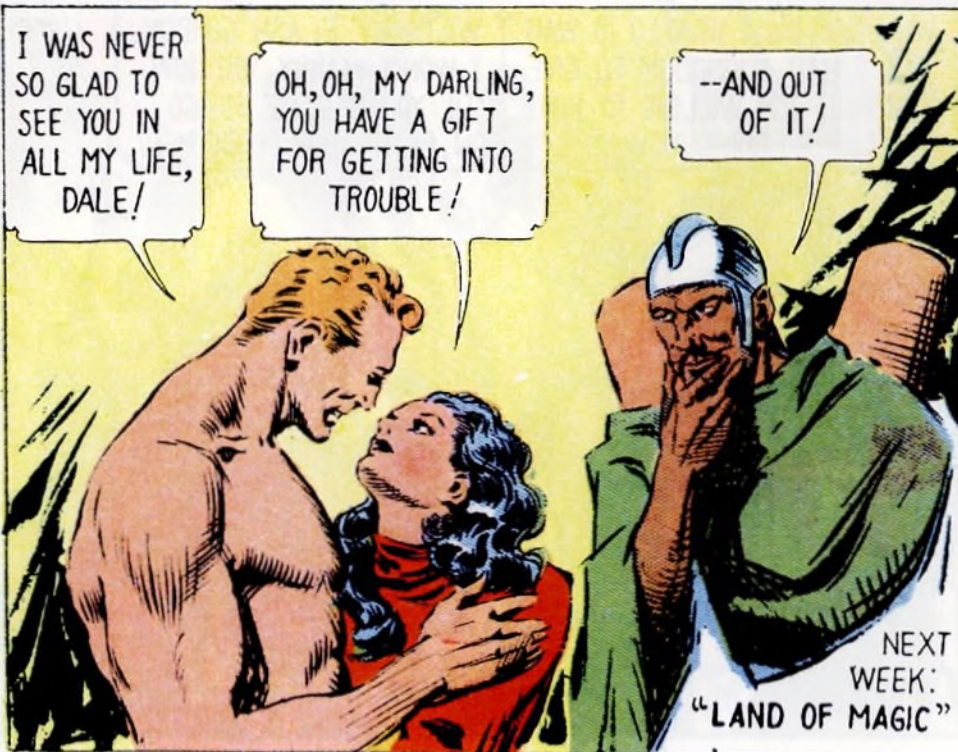


WITH A CRY OF ALARM, THE LIZARD MEN SCURRY TO THEIR HOLES AS--

--THE FIERCE HAWKMEN SWOOP INTO THE ROOM!

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I WAS NEVER SO GLAD TO SEE YOU IN ALL MY LIFE, DALE!

OH, OH, MY DARLING, YOU HAVE A GIFT FOR GETTING INTO TROUBLE!

--AND OUT OF IT!

NEXT WEEK:
"LAND OF MAGIC"